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12 O'CLOCK LICENSES

WOMEN IN PERIL FROM TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE

PANIC AMONG OCCUPANTS OF WORCESTER BUILDING; DAMAGE $7,500.

Special to the Boston American.

WORCESTER, Dec. 24.—Two women and a fireman in peril from a fierce fire that blazed in the five-story brick apartment house at No. 14 Charlton street, to-day, were carried to the street in safety shortly after noon.

Starting from crossed electric wires in the basement, the flames quickly shot to the roof and the twenty-five people in the eighteen apartments were thrown into a panic of terror. The entire structure was quickly filled with smoke.

On the third floor Mrs. Ella L. Livingston carried with the hope of rescuing some of her property. She fell to the floor overcome with smoke. She was found by a fireman and rescued.

Mrs. Eva Stanton who was confined to her room on the fourth floor with a broken hip was also carried out by Captain E. C. Noyes. C. A. Lindgren, a fireman, was overcome. He was rescued by his brother firefighters. The damage was estimated at about $7,500.

SUFFERING AND DEATH IN WAKE OF COLD WAVE

NEW YORK HOSPITALS CROWDED WITH VICTIMS OF FRIGID BLAST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York is in the grasp of a frigid wave to-day. The police at noon reported two dead and others dying from exposure. The temperature is the degrees above zero and a gale is blowing. The police report severe suffering among the poor.

An arctic blast swept down upon the city yesterday and the temperature fell rapidly. To-day the hospitals were crowded with persons suffering from frost bites.

On the East Side the police and hospital officials spent a busy day attending the poor. Many families went to the police stations where they were sheltered.

James Lambert, a former watchman, was found lying in the streets to-day, dead from cold. Early to-day two nurses of Bellevue Hospital found a richly dressed woman of about sixty years of age lying near the curbing piece of a dock on East Sixteenth street. She was unconscious. When taken to the hospital she partly recovered and gave her name as Mrs. Helen Storey.

The dead body of a newly born infant was found to-day frozen stiff on the roof of the New York Infant Asylum. A nurse has been arrested.

She declined to give her address, but said that her two sons, who were wealthy, had turned her out of their home, and that for two days she had lived in the streets. She may lose both her legs as a result of them being frozen.

Fears are expressed that Dr. William N. Weaver, a graduate of Yale, has been frozen to death in the woods near Central Islip, L. I. Dr. Weaver escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane at Central Islip on December 16 and since then has not been found. He is believed to be in the woods near the asylum.

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SMILING WEATHER IS PROMISED FOR BOSTON CHRISTMAS

"A smiling, sunny, bracing Christmas," says Weather Forecaster Smith.

The local forecast to-day is:

"Fair and colder to-night. Tuesday fair and continued cold. Light northwesterly to westerly winds."

In addition to his official forecast, Mr. Smith ventures the assertion at the beginning of this article.

Everything points to a generally pleasant Christmas about New England at least. The snowstorm is over, though a few sifted flakes may fall.

Though it will be colder to-night there will be a compensating rise in temperature toward to-morrow morning. The temperature at 8 o'clock to-day was sixteen degrees above zero in Boston. That will probably be the average temperature for Christmas, just the snappy, tingling kind that helps out the Christmas cheer wonderfully.

Florida has an unexpected Christmas present in the shape of freezing weather. Jacksonville is shivering in temperature of 24 degrees above zero, or six below freezing.

MORAN FLAYS O'MEARA

In Caustic Reply on Sunday Observance

District Attorney, in Characteristic Statement, Comes Back at Police Commissioner.

In a characteristic letter District Attorney John B. Moran to-day charged Police Commissioner O'Meara with befogging the issue in connection with the controversy over illegal Sunday work on the subway and on Stony Brook, adding that the Commissioner in his letter made public to-day had been guilty of misstatements and unjustifiable insinuations.

Left Whole Matter with Moran.

Mr. O'Meara, as a result of the District Attorney's refusal to stop illegal work on the subway and Stony Brook work, said that the District Attorney had taken it upon himself to settle what constitutes a day in a "necessity" and the whole thing would be left to him.

"TO SEE LAW ENFORCED."

Mr. Moran said that he would not interfere when the police did their full duty, but he asserted that the police had failed in this, and he proposed to see that the Sunday law was enforced. The District Attorney remarked suggestively that it is a criminal offence for a police commissioner to wilfully neglect to enforce the law, and hinted that it would be better for Mr. O'Meara if he would stop writing letters to the newspapers and attend to his police business.

The Rapid Transit Commissioners said that they regarded the work on the subway as a "work of necessity" and favored it for that reason.

Mr. Moran's statement in part follows:

MR. MORAN'S STATEMENT.

Boston, December 24, 1906.

The two-column screed of miscellaneous verbiage devoted by Mr. O'Meara in this morning's newspapers in his vain effort to hedge the issues raised by my action Saturday relative to violations of the Sunday law contains some misstatements of fact and much unjustifiable insinuation. Inasmuch as it has a tendency to deceive the public, a few words of comment may not be out of place.

If Mr. O'Meara, instead of devoting his time in writings columns of newspaper criticism, much of which is meaningless and ambiguous, would devote all of his time to the performance of his duties as police commissioner it would have been unnecessary for me to make the suggestion of Saturday to his superintendent. Mr. O'Meara, in his capacity as commissioner, would have made the suggestion himself and there would have relieved me of the necessity of doing some of his own work for him.

The Sunday law must be enforced. The entire police department are required to see that it is enforced, and it is a part of my duty as district attorney to see to it that the police department enforces the law. When I find the police department is enforcing the law I do not interfere with it. When I find that the police department is not enforcing the law, I take such action as is in my judgment necessary to compel the police department to enforce the law. It is probably not known to Mr. O'Meara that it is a criminal offence for a police commissioner or police officials to wilfully neglect to enforce the law. Not only is the man who violates the law punishable in the criminal court, but those members of the police department who wilfully permit violations of the law are also punishable in the criminal court.

"Will Apply the Law."

It is not true that the District Attorney will either punish or annoy anybody. The District Attorney will apply the law, and in the application of it he knows neither friends nor foes. The punishment is not inflicted by the District Attorney; punishment is inflicted by the law. The District Attorney is a sworn officer and is required to institute investigations and prosecutions, and he will perform his duty regardless of whether the performance of it annoys or punishes.

It is not true that the District Attorney told Contractor Fallon "to fix it with the police." All the District Attorney said to Mr. Fallon was: "If you claim, Mr. Fallon, that your work is a necessity under the statute, you must satisfy the police department of that, for I have explained to the police department by virtue of what the law is."

It is not true, as intimated by Mr. O'Meara, that I intend to relieve him or his department of any of its legal duties. On the contrary, it is my purpose as District Attorney to insist that Commissioner O'Meara and the police department perform the duty which the law imposes upon him and it.

JOHN B. MORAN,
District Attorney.

From Transit Commission.

The following is a statement from the Transit Commission bearing on the subject:

"From the beginning the Boston Transit Commission has provided, with the acquiescence of the police, for continuing the construction of the Washington street tunnel night and day, including Sundays, because it is believed to be a work of necessity, within the meaning of the statute as interpreted by the courts. This view has governed the practice of the Commission ever since it began its work under the statute, over ten years ago.

"Excavating under streets and buildings a space large enough for the tunnel and for the workmen is a difficult undertaking, involving dangers which are both unusual and serious, and requiring continuous work and supervision, days, nights and Sundays, in order to secure the public convenience and to insure safety to property and life. In view of these facts and conditions the commission believes that work on the Washington street tunnel should be continued on Sundays, as heretofore, unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction pronounces it illegal."

FRATERNITY MEN TO QUIT ACADEMY

ASHBURNHAM, Dec. 24.—Because the faculty of Cushing Academy has put a ban on the two Greek letter societies, Kappa Phi and Chi Zeta, nearly the entire membership of the two societies, about twenty-five, have announced their intention of not returning to the academy after Christmas.

GIRL BRIDE ARRAIGNED IN NAIL-FILE TRAGEDY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Catherine Neill, the pretty young bride of Joseph Neill, the young Greenwich, Ct., blacksmith who was found dead in a hotel in Greenwich and is alleged to have been killed by the thrust of a nail file in the hands of his wife, was arraigned to-day before Magistrate Crane in the Tombs Police Court.

Mrs. Neill, who was attired in deep mourning, was led over from the prison by Detective Sergt. Butler. She could hardly walk, and it was with difficulty that she traversed the steps leading to the "Bridge of Sighs" in the court-room were her two brothers, Sylvester Bellen and Francis Bellen of No. 18 East Ninety-fifth street.

HAS REQUISITION PAPERS.

Sheriff Ritch of Greenwich was on hand with the requisition papers signed by the Governor of Connecticut and he told the magistrate that he was unable to reach Governor Higgins for his signature as the Governor had left for Utica to spend the Christmas holidays.

Lawyer Greenleaf representing the prisoner, requested that the client be admitted to bail so that she could spend Christmas out of prison, but the magistrate said that as she is held on a charge of murder he could not admit her to any bail. He then adjourned the case until Friday, December 28, when she will positively stand trial for which Sheriff Ritch says that he will have the papers signed by Thursday night.

It is understood that since the publication of the fact that the girl's family has forsaken her, the girl's brothers came to court to-day with a friend who was ready to go bail for their sister in case bail was granted and were much disappointed in her being sent back to prison.

Should the requisition papers not be ready by Friday it is understood that Lawyer Edward Greenleaf will appear before a Supreme Court justice and get out a writ of habeas corpus.

For Further Details of Nail File Tragedy See Page 3.

ARREST FOILS MURDER OF 4 AND SUICIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Anton Winkler, the man who made the new counterfeit $2 silver certificates, was arrested at his home in Rochester, N. Y., just in time to prevent him killing his four children and himself. He had made all preparations when he learned that the officers were after him. He had written to his wife telling her what he was going to do.

Most of the counterfeits in question made their appearance in Rochester, N. Y., and that vicinity, and the investigation started there. On Saturday night the police department of Rochester arrested Mrs. Winkler, who had offered one of the counterfeits in making a purchase at a store. It was the only one of the kind which she had.

Secret Service Agent J. W. Gaudens, in charge of that district, had a list of all the names at which the counterfeit notes had been passed. Through his inquiries Mrs. Winkler was identified as being the same woman from whom they had received the counterfeits. Locating her home, it was found that her husband, Anton Winkler, was a photo-engraver. Arrest Gaudens arrested Winkler.

NOTICE.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the BOSTON AMERICAN.

Board Gives Out List of Hotels That Secure Coveted Prize Under New Law—Here Is the List of the Favored Ones.

The Board of Excise Commissioners to-day gave out a list of 24 Boston hotels which will be able to sell liquor from 11 to 12 o'clock every week night excepting Sunday.

It was expected that the new law would go into effect in time for the holidays, but the commissioners decided that it would be necessary to advertise the licenses for ten days, so that the additional hour will not be added to the liquor selling time until the middle of New Year's week.

Following are the hotels to which the new license were granted:

Hotels That Get License.

Adams House, 551 Washington street.
American House, 54 Hanover street.
Bellevue Hotel, 17 Beacon street.
Brunswick Hotel, 520 Boylston street.
Cecil Hotel, 623 Washington street.
Clarendon Hotel, 517 Tremont street.
Copley Square Hotel, 47 Huntington avenue.
Essex Hotel, 687 Atlantic avenue.
Haymarket Hotel, 125 Causeway street.
Hayward Hotel, 16 Hayward place.
Lenox Hotel, 50 Exeter street.
Marliave Hotel, 10 Bosworth street.
Napoli Hotel, 84 Friend street.
Nottingham Hotel, 25 Huntington avenue.
Parker House, 66 Tremont street.
Quincy House, 29 Brattle street.
St. James Hotel, 1 Bowdoin square.
Somerset Hotel, Commonwealth avenue.
Thorndike Hotel, 226 Boylston street.
Touraine Hotel, 62 Boylston street.
United States Hotel, 90 Beach street.
Victoria Hotel, corner Dartmouth and Newbury streets.
Woodcock Hotel, 1039 Washington street.
Young's Hotel, 22 Court street.

There were seventy-one hotels eligible to apply for the midnight license, but ten of them apparently did not think it would be of benefit to them, and there were only sixty-one who petitioned for the extra hour.

The additional tax for the privilege of the extra hour is $500 a year. There was much disappointment when it was learned that the commissioners had decided that those who wanted the license from now until May 1 would have to pay the entire year's fee.

Nine of the ten hotels in the Back Bay section were among the applicants. The one exception is the Vendome on Commonwealth avenue. The owner of this hotel is Charles H. Greenleaf, who is a legal resident of Franconia, N. H.

Statement by the Board.

This statement was given out by the board with the list:

In selecting the hotels to which it believes the privilege of the new act should now be given, the Licensing Board has endeavored to keep in mind the best interests of Boston, and has chosen hotels near to stations and to business and amusement centres.

"In May, 1907, and thereafter, the granting or regranting of this privilege will depend entirely upon the manner in which the hotels are conducted, and before the privileges now advertised for are granted new conditions will be imposed in certain cases.

"The board has endeavored not to favor any one class or interest to the injury of others. It regrets that certain proprietors did not heed its request that no outside influence should be brought to bear upon the board.

A number of hotels did not apply.

The board has declared that it not wise at the present time to issue more than twenty-four licenses.

In the above selection and statement the board is unanimous.

BROKER ARRESTED ON PERJURY CHARGE

Lotheop J. Wilder, giving his occupation and address as "broker at No. 82 Village street," was arrested by police inspectors to-day on a charge of perjury in connection with a cranberry case over two years old.

The complainant, Attorney Edward W. Philbrick of No. 603 Carney building, says that Wilder made a false statement on July 6, 1904, before the late Edward J. Jones, who was then sitting as a master in chancery in the case of Laura A. Allen vs. Thomas L. Johnson. Philbrick alleges that Wilder took oath falsely to ownership of the parcels of real estate in Middleboro and to a $400 bank account.

CROWDS JAM STATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS JOURNEY HOME

THOUSANDS HURRY AWAY FOR HOLIDAY

Trains in All Directions Loaded Down During Afternoon Hours.

SPIRIT OF CHEER IN ALL

Going Home for Christmas!

BY HARRY B. METCALF.

GOING home for Christmas!
Joy on every face,
Thronging to the stations—
Quickened in each pace;
Quickened are the heart-beats
For the clasp and kiss
That shall seal re-union
In the morrow's bliss.

GOING home for Christmas!
Speeding miles away;
Father, mother waiting
For their own to-day;
White though snow-fields glisten,
Roses, rich and rare,
Bloom in hearts of dear ones
As they homeward fare.

GOING home for Christmas,
Where the love-hearth gleams
With the glow of pleasure
In the olden dreams;
Going home for Christmas
As the waning year
Floods the souls of millions
With a new-born cheer.

Record-breaking crowds jammed the North and South Stations to-day from the noon hour on, as men, women and children hurried themselves from the city on the Christmas trip homeward.

Much bustle and bustle marked the throngs. Some impatient ones fretted and fussed as they elbowed their way through the crowd. But the great mass of people looked as though they had managed to catch the true Christmas spirit.

The holiday aspect was strengthened by sundry parcels and packages which about every one bore. Pockets bulged cheerfully. Hands and arms were laden. Anxious mothers clutched mysterious looking bundles. Solid looking business men were not above carrying home some belated purchases they had made.

The general attitude, as the people poured in through the platform gates, was one of happy anticipation. Occasionally people would be seen with a rather worried look, as though they wondered if they had forgotten any of the fifty-seven varieties of gifts due for purchase.

Dominant Note of Happiness.

But, above all the petty discords, there was a dominant note of human happiness, as the big city surrendered its workers to their annual Christmas joy.

At the North Station the amount of travel has broken all previous records. As early as Thursday the rush began. On that day trains to New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont were run in two sections, a thing unprecedented for this time of year in the history of the Boston & Maine. Saturday it was thought that the limit had been reached, but to-day's record has surpassed even that of Saturday.

The nine o'clock train for Maine went out in two sections. At ten o'clock another went out over the same division, also in two sections. At 11:30 the New England States Limited pulled out with the heaviest train of the vacation season.

Trucks Piled High with Gifts.

Every out-bound local train from the South Station to-day was a Santa Claus coach. Every one was crowded with men and women who had come into the city on a shopping expedition.

Business men bound for their country homes down on the Cape to spend a regular old-fashioned Christmas were noticeable in the crowd.

Heavy trucks piled high rolled toward the baggage room. Nearly all the incoming baggage was re-checked for the North Station.

The amount of incoming baggage was far greater than last year.

In the big crowd were a few belated college students homeward bound for the holidays, but most of them left last week.

POSTMEN BEND UNDER HEAVY BURDENS THROUGH SNOW

Out from the main postoffice and from each of the various branches to-day came the real, genuine fourteen-karat Santa Clauses. You could hardly see the males through the mails. Letter carriers, as a rule, will spend their holiday in bed.

One of them out in Dorchester this morning, was a sight to behold. In place of the regulation everyday bag he carried two bags, one over each shoulder. Then he had a sled, on which were two great big canvas sacks choked so full of mail that they groaned.

"Quite a load," somebody said to him sympathetically.

The letter carrier grinned.

"Gee," he said philosophically and happily, "I'm in light harness. You ought to see some of the other fellows, who are really carrying things."

Piled Sky-High.

Similar tales of Mr. Letter Carrier's busy day come in from neighboring places. The sled is universally in use. Chelsea, by the way of variety, reported one "pennypost" who delivered his mail with a push cart.

Business at the postoffice is piled sky-high, and the best laid plans of Postmaster George Hubbard are knocked galleywest this afternoon as the result of delays in early morning mails from the West. One mail, due from the West at 5:15 o'clock in the morning, got in at 9:30. A mail due at 6:50 o'clock came along at twenty-five minutes before noon, and another, due at 10 o'clock, was still among the missing at noon. Springfield, the scene of many recent complaints against the railroad, was blamed for most of the trouble. Fast trains are delayed there, according to the report that reaches the postoffice, because freight is piled up in the region all about.

Postoffice help loafed in the morning hours because these Western mails were not in. They more than made up for it this afternoon. "Up to this time," said Postmaster George A. Hibbard, "we had been making a record. I still hope that we may pull through, but it begins now to look as if we were going to be swamped."

250 "Extras" on the Jump.

The 250 extra clerks and carriers whom Postmaster Hibbard put on for the rush days may have to wait some time for their pay. The Postoffice heard to-day that Edward H. Stebbins, secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission in the New England Division, is looking into the circumstances surrounding the engagement of these extras. He says they were not taken from the Civil Service list of eligibles.

The Postmaster admits it. He says he called on 120 of these eligibles to come in, and that only 54 responded. He needed help and he had to have it, he says, so he went to an emergency list of his own. The extras are not to get more than $1.50 or so per day. If Mr. Stebbins insists, they may have to wait for that.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

TO-DAY'S ONE BEST BET.



"TEDDY BEAR TO WIN."

HOSPITAL PATIENTS TO JOIN IN MERRY YULETIDE FETE

They know about Christmas even at the City Hospital, and they're going to celebrate it, too. Real Christmas trees, to be lighted to-night by vari-colored incandescent bulbs and to be loaded down with toys and games and dolls, and just a little candy, are to be placed in each of the children's wards. The candy will be for such of the little people, as, in the opinion of the good doctors and the kind nurses, would not be hurt by it.

Three of the wards for children are around in the contagious disease department on Southampton street. Another, known as "The Nursery," is in the hospital proper, on Harrison avenue. Everybody in the hospital is on the list for a Christmas dinner, of turkey and the "fixin's," except those who, for reasons best known to the attending physician in each case, are physically on the forbidden list. But there'll be good cheer for all.

The Christmas fund has been contributed by attaches of the hospital, Superintendent Rowe, M. D., says, and by scores of friends outside who remember the institution every year at this season.

BOYS OUT OF SCHOOL SWELL THRONG OF GROWN-UP SHOPPERS

The afternoon crowd in the shopping district to-day was fully as large as the shopkeepers expected. All of the large stores had prepared for the greatest rush of the season. Policemen were stationed in doorways and store aisles, and even the smaller shops on Winter stret and Temple Place had policemen in their doorways to keep the crowds moving.

Hundreds of children, away for the first school day of their Christmas vacation, filled the toy departments and dodged in and out of the crowds upon the streets. One of the big stores gave away to-day toy whips with whistles at the ends, and hundreds of children walked about the streets snapping the whips and blowing the whistles.

On Winter street and Temple Place the congestion was the worst. These are the streets which Police Commissioner O'Meara recommended to the Board of Aldermen that some action should be taken regarding the handling of the traffic, but upon which nothing was done. Carriages, automobiles and express teams lined both sides of the streets, leaving but a narrow path for other vehicles going up and down. The crowds on the sidewalks forced an overflow of people into the streets, and the few policemen detailed to Winter street and Temple Place had all they could do to stop congestion of traffic.

JOLLITY REIGNS SUPREME ON FLOOR OF STOCK EXCHANGE

The members of Boston Stock Exchange, with their clerks, practically shut up shop on "Change" after the noon hour to-day and indulged in their annual Christmas "high jinks."

A band came on the floor at 1:30 and discoursed lively music in place of the raucus jargon of the "Street" which usually electrifies that place.

Brokers wore rose boutonnieres and had sundry cigars in their pockets. If one didn't have a cigar all he had to do was to get one from the next man.

The playful speculative spirit which allows a broker to let his brother in on the ground floor and then push him off the roof was in abeyance and everybody shook hands with everybody else.

Mild jokes were played, stories were swapped, insinuating invitations to partake of Christmas cheer were accepted and the holiday spirit was "bulled" to a high figure.

Christmas Day

Masses, every Catholic church and chapel.

Special services, Episcopal churches.

Dinner to the poor, Salvation Army, Mechanics' building, noon.

Christmas trees, afternoon, in the German clubs.

Giant Christmas tree, Salvationists', Mechanics' building.

Tree, Sailors' Haven, Charlestown, evening.

Ball, Young Men's Aid Association, Odd Fellows' Hall.

Elks' party, with tree, Brookline.

Ball, Knights of Liberty Lodge, Paul Revere Hall.

Matinees, every theatre in town.

MONEY GIFT TO EVERY PRINTER OUT ON STRIKE

A Christmas present of $2.50 has been forwarded to every printer in the United States who is now out of work as a result of the eight-hour strike. Local Union No. 13, has added another dollar to each man out in its jurisdiction.

FINED FOR SELLING ADULTERATED MILK

Three East Boston milkmen were in the Municipal Court to-day before Judge Cleary, charged with selling adulterated milk. They were Walter T. Carleill, No. 544 Saratoga street; Arthur J. Cochran, No. 171 Lexington street, and Augustine S. Nelson, No. 512 Saratoga street. They all pleaded not guilty, but Judge Cleary decided against them and imposed fines of $10 each. Carleill appealed, but Cochran and Nelson paid.

BIG RAISE FOR BANK MEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—As a reward for faithful service every employe of the Corn Exchange Bank, not receiving more than $2,500 a year will, at the beginning of 1907, receive an increase in pay of fifty per cent. In all 400 men will benefit.

TO PREVENT THAT COLD
When you feel chilly and your bones ache take a cup of hot Sanford's Ginger.

A Merry Christmas to all,
Father John's Medicine

Hotel Clarendon
517 Tremont St. Will Serve Its Usual
CHRISTMAS DINNER
FROM 1 TO 9 P. M. COME EARLY

BOSTON DIGS DEEP TO-DAY TO HELP NEWSIES

Plucky, Hustling Lads Reap Harvest of Dimes on Benefit Day.

"See that tag!"

To-day is the benefit day for the plucky Boston newsboy, who bears on his jacket his "Benefit Day" tag. On the tag is the following self-explanatory message to the paper-buying public:

"NEWSBOYS' BENEFIT DAY.
December 24, 1906.
Read!

Will you kindly pay the Newsboys 5 cents or more for the Paper you Buy This Day."

And down in one corner is the busy little label of the Typographical Union, for the Boston newsboy is as ardent a union labor man as earns his bread by the sweat of his brow.

The newsboys are reaping an ungrudged harvest of nickels and dimes to-day as result of these tags. The human heart is filled, or ought to be, with Christmas cheer. A nickel or dime is a small gift once a year for the paper-buyer to give his newsboy. But the aggregate contribution makes a neat little sum for the newsboy himself.

There's hardly any question in the mind of the average man or woman whether the newsboy is a hard-working little fellow or not, especially in Winter. He is a hustler from the start.

Did you ever notice the newsboys, as a class? Take those who have stands in the big city squares. Dewey Square, for instance, furnishes a good illustration. As the streams of commuters hustle for their train the newsboy spots his regular customers and sticks their paper into their hands almost before they know it.

They hop on and off the trolleys with an agility and apparently recklessness that seems little short of marvellous.

No matter what the weather, the faithful newsboy is on deck, shivering with the cold or rain, maybe, but ready with his bundle of papers for all comers.

To-day is the day when you can show if you have any use for a newsboy at all.

The benefit idea has been in practice four years now. It originated with C. W. Guy, the furniture dealer, who appointed the day himself.

"I don't see why I haven't a right to name a newsboys' benefit day if I want to," is Mr. Guy's philosophy. The newsboys call it pretty good philosophy.

Think it over.

U. S. COURT HAS JURISDICTION ON LYNCHING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court of the United States announced today, in an opinion rendered by Justice Holmes, that it had jurisdiction to try Sheriff Shipp and others of Chattanooga, Tenn., for contempt of court in connection with the lynching of Ed Johnson, a negro, on March 19 last.

The charge of contempt was filed by the department of justice against various alleged members of the mob and Sheriff Shipp, the latter being held responsible for failure to protect the prisoner, who was then under stay of execution granted by the Supreme Court.

The case will now be heard on its merits.

The United States Supreme Court issued an order requiring twenty-six persons connected with the lynching of Johnson to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt. Johnson was under sentence of death when the Supreme Court granted him an appeal and issued its mandate. Disregarding that mandate, a mob put Johnson to death.

TO BE HEAD OF NEW CONSUMPTIVES' HOME

The board of trustees of the new Consumptives' Hospital announced to-day the appointment of Dr. Simon F. Cox, formerly of the Long Island Pauper Hospital and now superintendent of a hospital in Albany, N. Y., as superintendent of the new institution. Dr. Cox will report for duty about February 1. Pending the completion of the new consumptives' hospital on the old Con-ness estate in Dorchester, he will have general charge of the patients now in the Holy Ghost and Carney Hospitals.

DON'T FORGET THE NEWSBOY



YANKEES GET BIG JAP JOBS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Large contracts for equipment for huge steel works, which the Japanese Government will build in the Island of Moji, are being awarded in the United States. Three Japanese firms, with offices in this city, who are acting for American manufacturers, are handling the contracts.

The plant which Japan proposes to establish will cost $10,000,000. When specifications were issued three months ago it was feared American manufacturers could not compete against German makers owing to the enormous demand for steel products at home. Later it developed that conditions were very similar in Germany.

W. R. HEARST TO SPEND XMAS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—William R. Hearst, who recently returned from a visit to California, will spend Christmas with his family and then go direct to Washington to take his seat in Congress upon its reconvening after the holidays.

FIFTY IN PANIC; CAR OVERTURNS

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A score of women were severely injured and the fifty occupants thrown into a panic when a crowded Eighth avenue trolley car overturned between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets this afternoon, as a result of collision with a wagon.

The frantic efforts of the women to escape from the overturned car resulted in a panic and it required the efforts of the police to quell the disturbances. All the passengers were finally dragged to safety through the broken windows.

HARVARD XMAS RECEPTION.

A reception will be given this evening to Harvard students who remain in Cambridge during the Christmas recess in the Phillips Brooks house by President and Mrs. Eliot.

DIVIDEND AND VACATION FOR MILL WORKERS

Bounre Mills Operatives to Get 10 Days with Pay Besides Sharing Profits.

Special to the Boston American.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 24.—In addition to his regular gifts to the employes of the Bourne Mills of this city, Santa Claus, in the form of the Board of Directors, in announcing the regular semi-annual dividend to the operatives, also leaves word of a ten-days' vacation coming next August, with half-pay for all. A bulletin to this effect, posted to-day by Treasurer George A. Chace of the mills, caused the greatest feeling of joy.

The profit-sharing plan is a regular thing. It has been in successful operation for seventeen years. But the plan of a vacation for all with half-pay, is a new thing, new to the operatives and, as far as can be learned, new to all the cotton industry on this side of the Atlantic.

The profit-sharing dividend is declared semi-annually, and this is the thirty-fourth time. It means four per cent. on the total wages earned by all operatives who have remained at the mill during that time. The Bourne mills are located just over the State line, in Tiverton, R. I. About 1,500 hands are employed.

PERKINS HELD IN DEATH CASE

Freeman A. Perkins, engineer of a pile driver, charged with criminal negligence in causing the death of Charles Zeigler, crushed under the hammer on November 18, was brought before Judge Fallon in the South Boston District Court to-day and ordered held for the Grand Jury in $5,000 bonds. He is now in the Charles street jail.

The suit is brought through the District Attorney's office by Mrs. Zeigler, the widow. Assistant District Attorney McEttrick conducted the government case. D. T. Montague appeared for Perkins.

Several witnesses were present and told of hearing Zeigler ask to have the 3,200-pound hammer of the pile driver raised. They heard him tell Perkins not to touch it. It was also shown that when the hammer fell and crushed Zeigler's head Perkins had his hands on two levers of the engine, one of which controlled the brakes.

Perkins is twenty-seven years old and lives at No. 6 Taber street, Roxbury. He is colored.

Greek Culture.

The ancient Greeks were the most cultured nation recorded in history. To them the beautiful was the highest ideal, which was not only cultivated in designing their magnificent temples, their works of art, but even in the ordinary affairs of life. Regarding health as the greatest beautifier of the body, they established public games, where the skill of the participants was rewarded with trophies. Those who, like the Greeks, would cultivate a healthy body, should take Dr. Burkhart's Vegetable Compound and remove from the system all germs of disease which secrete themselves in the kidneys, stomach, liver and blood, causing rheumatism, catarrh, constipation, dyspepsia and female complaints, imparting to the cheeks the healthy glow habitual among the ancient Greeks. 30 days' treatment 25c. All druggists.

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San Juan, Porto Rico.

'GOLDIE NEILL, IF GUILTY, IMP OF HORROR'

Could a Bride Conceive Fiendish Plan of "Nail-File" Murder?

SAD CHRISTMAS EVE OF "GOLDIE" NEILL, FORMER DANCING GIRL AND ARTISTS' MODEL.



In her cell in the Tombs to-day, charged with the fiendish crime of having killed her husband, Joseph Neill by thrusting a nail file or a hat pin through his eye into his brain, what mingled visions of gayety and suffering come to her. Almost a physical and mental wreck through the strain of her fearful experience, she to-day faced the further ordeal of arraignment on the formal charge of murder. Because Governor Higgins had gone home for the Christmas holidays she could not be extradicted to Connecticut and must remain in the Tombs.

Mystery in Strange Crime Grows Deeper as Girl Awaits Extradition.

By Charles Somerville.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A slight-figured little woman, elfin-like with her great stock of auburn hair caught in thick, loose strands above her small white face with its childlike mouth and its big, brown eyes, which have a strange glittering stare; a woman the glory of whose Titian hair, with its beautiful, glistening, burnished strands, has been placed on canvas by Sargent, Chase, Carl Blenner and a score more of famous painters—this little woman is in a cell in the Tombs moaning with her soft, childish lips that she is falsely accused of the murder of her husband.

In Greenwich, Ct., from whence she fled, her husband was found in a room they had occupied in a hotel. It took some time to discover that the man—a giant—had been murdered. On his body there was no gash of a knife. Nowhere was the blue, round wound of a bullet. No dull, heavy weapon had crushed in his skull. Apoplexy, paralysis, a sudden heart attack—these were things first thought of.

But a physician's professional eye was turned curiously upon what looked at first like the merest scratch. It was under the right one of the dead man's staring eyes. A closer look showed that the eye was slightly tinged with blood.

Wound Had Gone Deep Into Brain.

A more scientific examination showed that this little scratch just under the eye was a wound that had gone deep into the man's brain. This giant, with great, thick arms and hard fists, who could have made a terrible combat in defence of his life, had been stricken dead in the fraction of an instant by some creature of uncanny cunning; murdered by a human being who was a student in diabolical crime.

This is the opinion that the coroner's physician has declared to be his absolute conviction.

This, then, becomes the mystery of the tiny red wound.

The solution may reveal one of the most frightful crimes ever recorded.

If the crime shall turn out to have been committed, as the Connecticut authorities have conceived its commission, then the elfin-like woman in the Tombs, with her small, pale face her great shock of red hair and her big brown eyes with their glittering stare, is an imp of horror.

What could have made the tiny, red wound? What more likely than a hat pin, long, thin and keen?

Did the little woman gaze on the big, heavy face in cold, fierce hatred; feeling the soreness of her body from his beating; feeling a fierce soreness in her heart for his scorn of her; feeling that he had, in giving away his property to his sister, cheated her and given her absolute evidence of his intention to cast her off? Only a few days before he had stripped her finger of its most costly ring.

Attracted the Artists.

Little yet is known of this woman's life, save that she passed from the quiet and decency of an unquestionably respectable home to the footlights without special talent, but with her pretty, slender figure, her thick, auburn hair, her childish mouth and big, brown eyes making a strangely pretty chorus girl of her. Her eerie beauty, especially the massy, glistening, red hair, brought her invitations to serve as a model in studios, where modern masterpieces of art are wrought. From that to marriage with a policeman. Then the mother of a babe with sightless eyes, which may or may not be now alive, and then—a blank.

Finally the consort of big Joe Neill, ex-pugilist, brawny blacksmith, dissipating his magnificent physical manhood in fetid barrooms.

She had sued her first husband for divorce after meeting Neill, and before the judge's signature was on the decree that was eventually handed her she had committed bigamy by marrying Neill. And he was going to discard her—to turn her adrift without money, her body bruised, her good looks fading, not because of age, but because of the queer life into which she had fallen.

What rage may not have risen in her heart as she looked on the huge hulk of the man, his stupid face, and thought of her degradation and of the future still lower into which his desertion would sink her?

You are then to think of her with a hat-pin, perhaps a piece of wire; perhaps a hairpin bent out of its shape until it was a straight, thin weapon.

"And the Giant Was Dead."

If she did the thing this little woman must have somewhere gleaned ghastly information of fatal accuracy. She must have knelt beside the stupified man and with steady, cold finger tips pressed the eyeball out of its socket, making for her weapon a practically unobstructed, open entrance through the skull to the brain, and then holding the eye in this position with one hand, jabbed the deadly, superfine blades straight into the man's brain. It was no feeble stab. The pin struck fully three inches into the brain.

A fling of his arms, a roll of his body and the powerful giant was dead.

This is how the police now figure the solution of the mystery of the tiny, red wound.

The woman has said merely:

"He had been drinking. He was staggering around the room. He suddenly fell down. I thought he was sick. I went downstairs for help. The doctor came and said that Joe was dead."

She fled. But she says she did not want to. She says the hotel keeper at Greenwich, wrathy at the idea of scandal falling on his house, fairly drove her away. She has said that she meant to go back. But when the pursuit for her began she was at her mother's house and in her room, where her aged parent is nearing death, she found a bottle containing a strong sleeping potion, largely made of morphine. She knew its dangerous character. She drained the bottle. In Bellevue they had a hard time saving her life. And having saved it, have they done so merely for a Connecticut hangman to destroy it?

Nail File Dropped Out.

For aid to the clearer solution of the mystery of the tiny red wound the police turned to a study of the room in the hotel where Joe Neill suffered his mysterious death.

They came upon an umbrella standing in a corner. Being methodical, they opened it. A nail file dropped to the floor. It was blood-stained. But the official physician shook his head. That, he says, is not the weapon.

The woman admits that it is her nail file. Following the police theory, did a little jet of blood come from the wound that was quickly wiped from the dead face by the murderer's hand? Then must have followed the washing of the stained hand. The person committing the murder, being a student in crime, one who had picked a vital spot to strike with uncanny knowledge, would know that scrapings from the finger nails of assassins has sometimes made damning evidence.

"Blow Not Struck in Passion."

The nail file might have been in use and hastily concealed in the folds of the umbrella at some alarming sound.

But what if, after all, the frail, red-haired woman admits she killed him—killed him to stop his beating her—killed him because with her frail self pitted against his giant strength the fear of death was upon her. Such fear might reasonably have stricken her into the wild, fierce use of a hairpin. It is a weapon favorably considered by women whose lives lead them into scenes of violence.

But here you have the official physician shaking his head negatively again.

It was no rough wound made with the lunging violence of desperation. There would have been a wider, slightly fagged hole, and the eyeball would normally have been in the course of the weapon and have been punctured. The eyeball, he says, was delicately and accurately lifted to admit the sure, swift entrance of the thin, deadly weapon.

Have the police the correct solution of the mystery of the tiny red wound, or is there a deeper, stranger mystery in the murder of Joe Neill, with nothing to show the manner of his death save the little red speck below his eye?

DENIES MAYOR'S VETO RIGHT IN TELEPHONE WAR

Counsel for New Company Says Executive Powerless in Franchise Grant.

TO ASK CUT IN OLD RATE

Declaring that the matter of a franchise does not come within the veto power of a Mayor, Alfred Hayes, attorney for the new telephone company, has taken issue on the subject with Mayor John F. Fitzgerald. Legally, says Mr. Hayes, the Mayor has nothing to do with the granting of a franchise.

They have gone over the matter together at some length, according to report, Mr. Fitzgerald insisting that he has been advised by what he regards as competent authority that he has such veto power.

Mr. Hayes feels that the new company has friends enough in the Board of Aldermen to pass the order over a veto. "The Aldermen alone," he insists, "have the right to vote a franchise."

Mr. Fitzgerald has until Thursday to decide upon his course in the matter. In the meantime he will receive and digest reports from Daniel T. O'Connell and Thomas F. Anderson, who have been investigating dual telephone systems in other places.

Alderman Bell, it is said, will at to-day's meeting of the board, introduce a resolution asking the New England (Bell) Company to reduce its Boston rates twenty-five per cent. Alderman Bell voted for the new company franchise.

NEW PROBE OF CITY FINANCES SPRUNG TO-DAY

An order for an investigation of the city's finances distinctly different from that of Mayor Fitzgerald, which is now before the Board of Aldermen, is sprung at to-day's session. To-day when the order accompanying the Mayor's message on the city's finances comes up one of the members offers a substitute order providing for a sweeping investigation.

Unlike the Mayor's order, under which the commission would have no power to send for books of the departments or summon witnesses, the new order provides for a complete investigation so far as it can be had under the statutes, with power to send for books and summon witnesses.

The order calls for an investigation of the so-called padded payrolls and the present methods of awarding contracts in vogue at City Hall. Critics of Mayor Fitzgerald's message and the investigation order find fault that in not one of the twelve propositions in it is any mention made of an investigation of the pay rolls and awarding of contracts. These two, it is alleged, are the most baneful influences at work at City Hall.

There is some doubt whether the Mayor's order for an investigation will pass the board, and there is a prospect that the new order will. Some of the Democrats who will not be members of next year's board show a disposition to embarrass the Mayor, and at least two, it is expected, will vote against his order. Some of the Republicans may help out with enough votes to pass it, but they will be generally lined up for the new order.

BESIDES appropriately expressing the Yuletide sentiment a box of good cigars shows taste and judgment.

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MAYOR SHAKES WITH ALL JAN. 1

To show the people that Governors are not the only persons who can have New Year receptions, Mayor Fitzgerald has arranged for one to take place at City Hall January 1. The Mayor desires to give all the citizens an opportunity to see for themselves the kind of men they have put in control at City Hall.

Standing in line with the Mayor will be the two chairmen of this year's Board of Aldermen, Messrs. Draper and Cauley, President William J. Barrett of the Common Council and James J. Storrow, president of the School Board. No invitations will be sent out, and the general public is invited to come and shake hands with the officials from 12 o'clock until 2, or as much longer as may be necessary.

WOMAN JAILED FOR ATTACK ON WOMAN

Found guilty of brutally beating and kicking Mrs. Catherine Davis, seventy years old, of No. 239 C street, South Boston, Mrs. Annie Hedberg was to-day sentenced to three months in the House of Correction by Judge Fallon in the South Boston District Court.

Mrs. Hedberg denied striking the aged woman. Mrs. Davis was in court, her face badly bruised and one ear bandaged.

SET ASIDE OIL TRUST VERDICT

By Boston American Leased Wire.

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 24.—Judge Duncan has just decided that all the proceedings in the Probate Court of Hancock county relative to the Standard Oil Company were illegal and that the cases should have been started in the Common Pleas Court. This sets aside the verdict of guilty recently rendered in the criminal cases.

PHILADELPHIA HEIRESS IS FOUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Philadelphia's missing heiress, Ida May Miller Kuehn, is in the Hotel York, at Thirty-sixth street and Seventh avenue, with her husband, Dr. Rolando Kuehn. She arrived from Queenstown, Ire., by the Umbria of the Cunard Line yesterday.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Always Remember the Full Name Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days

E. W. Grove on every box. 25c

TROLLEY TRUST QUITS GOBBLING; HAS IT ALL

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 24.—Although the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company has, through its vice-president, Edward G. Buckland, announced that "the road has no intentions of increasing its holdings of steam or electric roads in Rhode Island above the properties now in the hands of the company," this statement is received here and in southern New England with the full knowledge that the transportation trust has gobbled up everything that is essential to absolute control over all of the railway common carriers.

These electric and steam railways in Southern New England not now controlled either directly or through holding corporations by the New Haven transportation trust are so isolated as to be serviceless to the magnates. There is not a single independent steam and trolley road of any importance without the maw of the trust in all Southern New England to-day.

At the Mercy of the Trust.

Among the steam and electric roads which have, apparently, been overlooked by the trust is the Newport & Wickford Company, which operates a railroad from Wickford Junction to Wickford, and a steamer from Wickford to Newport. But this railroad's little monopoly is at the mercy of the trust, as it gets its passengers from the New Haven road, and will disgorge all the tribute demanded of it for existence.

The Narragansett Pier Railroad and Wood River Railroad are yet independent apparently. But they both depend for traffic upon the New Haven, and of the former company the trust owns $25,000 of its stock, which it acquired when it obtained the old New York, Providence & Boston Railroad.

One of the trolley lines which escaped is the Danielson road, running between this city and Danielson, Ct. But both of its terminals connect with the New Haven, and it is isolated so that for its very life's sake it must obey orders.

Depends on Trust Traffic.

The Sea View road, which operates between Narragansett Pier and East Greenwich, connects there with the tracks of the Rhode Island Company. It depends upon the passengers brought down from Providence, while the travel from the pier is transferred to the Rhode Island at East Greenwich.

The electric line which operates between Bristol Ferry and Newport, seemingly in competition with the New Haven property, is passed over because the power of the trust is so overshadowing as to make its acquisition a matter of indifference.

GIRL FORGERS AID IN MILLION BANK LOOT

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—When Special Agent Owen T. Reed of the Department of Justice arrives here next Wednesday, Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham says he will turn over to him evidence that the million dollars worth of spurious notes discovered in the affairs of the Farmers' and Drovers' National Bank of Waynesburg were forged by the seven women clerks employed in the bank. One of them is said to be a close relative of the discharged cashier, J. B. F. Rinehart.

When Rinehart secured control of the bank, it is said he employed these seven women, all members of prominent Waynesburg families, and each kept a separate set of books carrying different accounts.

The only books that showed the real condition of the bank were kept by Rinehart, who did not permit any one else to have access to them.

Merry Christmas

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Washington and Essex Streets

BURNING SHIP IN DEATH RACE; 380 IN PERIL

After Thrilling Dash Steamer Is Run Aground and All Land Safely.

HOSE CALMS PASSENGERS

PORT DUFFERIN, N. S., Dec. 24.—With a roaring fire eating its way from stem to stern, and with 380 passengers in a panic as the ship raced under full speed for a landing place, the steamer Strathcona dashed into this harbor, ran ashore and landed its human cargo in the very face of death while the crew battled heroically with the flames. Not one was hurt.

To-day the vessel lies on her side, a wreck, burned to the water's edge. Captain Reid and a gallant crew are being praised for their hazardous work, which saved so many souls from a terrible fate.

It was late Saturday night after the vessel left Halifax, that the flames were discovered. With every pound of steam on the ship raced to this port. The flames, small at first, were fanned into a roaring furnace. Nothing could be done to extinguish them, but below firemen, strokers and engineers were running hose and pumps in a superhuman effort to check their spread.

The race for life was swift and exciting, and as mile after mile of the coast was skirted no opening through which the ship could be run to safety could be found.

The fire gained continuously and during the last few miles of the run it seemed as if the Strathcona and all aboard her must be overtaken by a fiery fate and consumed.

It was then that the passengers, many of them wailing for a dash on the waiting boats, atempted to rush the crew over the sides into the sea.

The fire was forgotten by the men with the hose, and turning them upon the panic-stricken passengers, the icy water drove them back, and those left to guard the boats, attempted to rush the crew over the hand.

Within a few moments it was seen that the fire could not be held in check much longer, and the captain steered for Smiley's Reef, at the entrance to this harbor.

As fast as a boat was lowered the passengers were handed over, and inside of ten minutes after the Strathcona was beached the last load of human frieght had left her.

In the last boat went the engineers and firemen, together with the captain, the firemen being in a pitiful condition.

The Strathcona is only two years old. She was employed between Canso and Guysboro and Halifax, and was valued at $44,000. The vessel is a total loss, also about $50,000 worth of cargo.

STEAMER GROUNDS IN FOG; CREW HAS PERILOUS ESCAPE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—The steamer Beatrice is ashore on the treacherous rocks of Cranberry Head. The sea is breaking over the ship and she is pounding to pieces on the ledges. The crew were rescued early to-day.

The Beatrice was en route from Charlottetown to Sydney and was bucking a towering head sea. A heavy fog bank made navigation difficult, and the captain missed his reckoning. Nearing Sydney the Beatrice crashed on the rocks. The captain ordered his engines reversed but the Beatrice was fast on the ledges with her bottom plates stove in and great volumes of water pouring in the holes. Distress signals were sent up and life savers hurried down to the shore.

Boats were lowered over the side, but two were smashed by the sea before the crew was safely landed.

UNION AIDS 7 COLD CHILDREN

With nothing to eat in the house and barely clothing enough to keep warm the widow of John H. Deane, who was killed by a fall last week, has prayed for a happy Christmas for her seven children.

Boston Bartenders' Union No. 77 has voted to give $200 to the family and they will have just the sort of Christmas for which they prayed and hoped. The children's stockings will be well filled and they will sit down to as good a dinner as they could ask for.

FORMER STATE SENATOR.

COHASSET, Dec. 24.—Amos A. Lawrence, former Senator from this district, died yesterday. He had a store at No. 630 Washington street, Boston, and was engaged in importing hair.

HAIR GROWTH



Promoted by shampoos of CUTICURA SOAP and light dressings of CUTICURA, the purest and sweetest of emollient skin cures. This treatment allays itching irritations, destroys hair parasites, cleanses, purifies, and beautifies, and makes the hair grow upon a clean healthy scalp.

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Only 5 cents per box—Lax-ets, a new, sweet, toothsome laxative for constipation, sour stomach, bad breath, bad taste, biliousness, etc. Unless you try Lax-ets you will never know its value—and only 5 cents at druggists, or by mail for 8 2-cent stamps. Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis.

A MONTH'S TREATMENT FREE
To all parties who begin treatment at the office of the Osmo-Chemic Physicians, 18 Boylston St., before Dec. 31st. This includes all needed medicine.

Boston American Daily Home Magazine

SORROW MINGLES WITH JOY IN LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM BOYS AND GIRLS

Some Chances for Happy Children to Scatter Cheer on the Day of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men

AND now, dear children of the BOSTON AMERICAN family, Santa Claus, before he enters upon his great work of delivery and then says good-by for a long, long year, wants to remind you, on the day before Christmas, that all the letters that have come to him in his New England mail have not been of the bright, happy, lighthearted, joyous and hopeful sort indicated by the specimens that, from time to time, have been spread before you on this page.

Some of Santa's children are unhappy.

Some are orphans, some are cripples, some are members of families so big that there is hardly enough to go 'round, some are suffering for the bare necessaries of life, for food, for clothing, or for fuel, while others of us have everything that we can wish for.

In many New England homes, Santa learns with the deepest sorrow and with more pain than he would care to indicate at this season of joy and "peace on earth," the breadwinner is out of work. In others, a brave little woman goes out to work every day, and comes home at night completely tired out.

"I love her more than all the world besides," writes one manly little son (and may God bless him), "please, O Santa, send me a pair of slippers for her in the evening."

One little child, wonder of wonders! in this year when a great statesman tells us that the nation suffers from "too much prosperity," one little girl wants bread. Wants bread, children. Not toys, or dollies or candy, but something to eat.

Another, forced to leave school because of ill health, wants books. "Make my papa well again," is one plaintive cry, while another says "I want most of all that you should send my papa back to us again for the Christmas dinner."

And, O son, Santa prays that your childish letter may reach that papa's eyes, and that on this one day of all the year his heart may be so softened that your prayer will be granted.

"We want so many things," writes a Woburn girl, "that you will be sure to get it right."

"But there," says a Westerly, R. I., girl, "I must not trouble you with all our troubles." From yet another home comes the suggestion that "we do not care for candy so much as for things to wear."

But the letters tell their own story. Read them, children, and read them especially, you little friends of Santa who have enough and to spare of the goods of the world. Try to think what the "Christmas spirit" is. Try to get some of it.

And you, who have never been overlooked by Santa, who do not live in out of the way places or high up in city blocks, or in other places where it is easy to be missed by the Christmas distributors, see if you cannot give your venerable old friend a little assistance.

He will appreciate it, you may be sure, and will write your dear names high upon his Roll of Merit. Isn't that well worth while?

And Santa, before he makes his adieus, wishes to each and all of you, to your fathers and mothers, your dear grandmas and grandpas, your brothers and sisters, your teachers, and all, the very merriest of Merry Christmases and the very happiest of Happy New Years.

Some Sad Letters From Children to Santa Claus

Saturday's Prize Winner
KITTY S. McGRANN,
No. 166 L Street, South Boston

To-day's Prize Winner
ROBERT JEWELL,
Barton, Vt.

FATHER A CRIPPLE

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a little girl eleven years old. I don't think I can have many Christmas presents this year. My papa is in the hospital. I don't think he can ever work again. Papa has lost his leg, but perhaps Mr. Santa Claus won't forget me. I am the only one in the family.
ISABEL WELCH,
No. 52 Tyler street, Boston.

WANTS A DOCTOR

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
My papa is sick, and perhaps you know so many good doctors you could send me one to make him well again, and that would be better to me than all the dolls, for I have two other sisters and one little brother, and they will take whatever they get, they say. And papa would like a nice warm sweater and mamma would like a new dress, and that's all I want.
LILLIAN NICHOLS, 8 years.
Lake Crossing, Wellesley.

WANTS HER PAPA

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am five years old and live with my aunt. I have no mamma and do not know where my papa is. I would like a coat, a bonnet and leggins, but most of all I would like my papa to come and spend Xmas with me. You have always been a good old Santa Claus to sister and me, and I send you lots of love.
OLIVE EDITH JOHNSON
No. 287 Broadway, Cambridge.

WANTS LOAF OF BREAD

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a very poor boy. I would like a loaf of bread and a pair of shoes and something to cover me from the cold; my mother a wrapper, my father a coat, my sister a dress, my brother a pair of pants, my baby a little dress.
PAUL BARSANTI,
No. 62 Quincy street, Quincy.

FROM A CRIPPLED GIRL

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a cripple girl and am sorry I cannot see you. I will be pleased if you will bring papa a pipe and mamma a set of furs and brother a football and sister a pair of kid gloves. Please bring poor children warm clothing, and for myself I will be pleased with a set of sewing materials.
ELLA GNECCO, 9 years old.
No. 15 Hull street, Boston.

TRUE XMAS CHARITY

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I do not care for anything myself as bad as I do for other children who cannot afford to buy books and toys and other things. If I get the prize of two dollars I would give it to a little lame girl whose mother takes washings in to earn a living. I want my little brother to have a little train of cars. Well, good-bye. From your friend.
ROBERT JEWELL, 9 years old.
Barton, Vt.

NOBODY TO REMEMBER HIM

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I thought I would write to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a pair of skates, and for Francis a sled; but don't forget my grandma, she is so good to me that I don't know what to give her, because I am a State boy and my mother is dead and I ain't got nobody to send me a Xmas present.
WILLIE QUINLAN, ten years.
No. 53 Falulah street, South Fitchburg.

THINKING OF MOTHER

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I have two sisters smaller than I am and my father is dead. My mamma works hard and wears heavy shoes during the day while she works. When she comes home I feel very sorry for her and I would like her to feel comfortable in a nice pair of warm felt house shoes or slippers, and also if you can a pair of warm gloves. I care for mamma more than I do myself and if she gets these I will be thankful to you, dear Santa Claus.
WILLIAM HALT, thirteen years old.
No. 277 Silver street, So. Boston.

BRING PAPA WORK

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am only nine and have a lot of brothers and sisters. Dear Santa, please bring my dear papa some good work for Christmas, and my dear, tired mamma something to please her, and my brothers and sisters and myself something that we want, and we want so many things that you will be sure to get it right. My baby sister, though, wants a rocking-horse very, very much. Your loving
FLORENCE G. McCANN
Woburn.

PLEADS FOR POOR LITTLE GIRL

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
There is a little girl I know who is poor and cold. She needs shoes, rubbers, a coat, mittens. Do send her a doll and lots of candy. I am glad Christ had a birthday. He must love children. A kiss to you, Santa, and the good paper that said we might write.
FRANCES GRACE, 8 years old.
No. 8 Baitts court, Portsmouth, N. H.

SCARRED FOR LIFE

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
There are seven children in our house and the oldest is fourteen years old. Baby is one year old to-day. I would like to get mamma a bottle of nerve medicine as she has very bad headaches. I would like some collars for papa, my big brother and sister some handkerchiefs, my two small brothers a rocking-horse, my two little sisters a doll. There is a little girl named Frances Heath, eight years old, lives at No. 29 Sheafe street, who was bit by a dog so her face is disfigured for life. Now, Santa, be sure you bring her something very nice as she has a lot of little brothers and sisters.
GLADYS MORRISON, 10 years.
No. 45 Sheafe street, Malden.

MOTHER DEAD: FATHER ILL

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I would like you to bring me a pair of skates, a sled and a good story book. For grandma a pair of slippers and hood. I am a girl whose mamma has just died a week ago, and my papa is in the hospital now. For papa I want a muffler and pair of slippers. For my baby brother the toy fire department.
ELIZABETH DUNN.
No. 260 Norfolk street, Cambridge.

DON'T FORGET THE POOR

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring my grandma some handkerchiefs, my grandpa some new shoes, my uncle Fred a pair of gloves, size 7, and my mamma a white shawl. I would like a big doll and a sled. This is all there are at my house.

Don't forget the poor little girls and boys, who are cold and hungry. Please see that they have enough to eat and to keep them warm, and also some toys. Your little friend,
DORIS LYNDAL PLAYZE, 8 years.
Wrentham.

TEN IN THE FAMILY

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
We have so many stockings to be filled that I am almost afraid you won't want to stop. I will tell you how many we have. We have seven girls and three boys, and also mamma. We have no papa, so, dear Santa Claus, come our way. Mamma would like a nice muff, my sisters would all like something and the same with the boys. I will tell you what baby wants. She wants a rubber doll. I won't say what I want, that is for you to decide. Hoping you will come Christmas eve.
BEATRICE MADAN, 9 years.
No. 32 Malvern road, Brockton.

A SICK LITTLE GIRL'S WANTS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am but a little girl and am very delicate in health and unable to go to school, so I thought I would write you a few lines to ask if you would send me some copies in writing, spelling, history, grammar, geography, arithmetic and language. I am ten years old. When I left school I was in the fifth grade.
JESSIE S. BUCHANAN.
No. 180 Gallup street, Elmwood station, Providence, R. I.

THINKS FOR MAMA

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a little girl eight years old. I would like a pair of rubber boots for my brother. I would like something for my mamma, she needs so much. I hardly know what to get her, but I think new shoes would be nice. I would like a new tam-o'shanter for myself. My papa is dead, my grandpa is very sick and would like you to make him well.
HILDRED CROWLEY.
No. 202 Franklin street, Cambridge.

PLEADS FOR LITTLE CRIPPLE

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I know a little girl eight years old. She has crutches. She has hip disease and she can't go to school, and she wanted me to write to you to help her. I have a very little money and I feel that I must help her. She wants a doll and I would like a sled. My baby brother would like a rocking horse.
ALPHONSUS McINNIS.
No. 86 Monument street, Charlestown.

LOST THEIR PAPA

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want to tell you about two little girls I play with. They have lost their papa. I hope you will come and see them and give them a doll each to make them happy. My mamma would like a dress and papa a pipe, and Harry an apron, and Dear Santa, give me a doll. Good bye.
ESTHER McCLARY.
No. 57 Central street, Milford.

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THE EXPLORERS



Four O'Clock Christmas Morning

Four O'Clock in the Morning

By James J. Montague

FOUR o'clock in the morning! Is this any time of day
To be pattering down the stairway like a ghost that has gone astray?
The stars still shine through the window, and the flittering candle light
Is painting along the landing the shadows of jet black night.
Is this any fitting hour for two little shining eyes
To be round as big silver dollars, and looking so worldly wise?
Pray, what is the awful errand that needs such a silent tread,
Such an air of mysterious silence, when the whole wide world's abed?

FOUR o'clock in the morning! Now, what can you seek to see
On the queer and curious journey you are making so eagerly?
Do you think there are burglars lurking on the shadowy stairs below?
Do you mean in another instant to find them and lay them low?
Do you fancy that bears are prowling through the darkness that fills the hall,
And come, like another Nimrod, to slay or entrap them all?
Then why, in that airy raiment are you travelling down the stair,
When the birds and the dogs and the children are slumbering everywhere?

OHO! So it's Christmas morning, and possibly little boys
Who get out of bed very softly and make not the smallest noise
Can catch old Santa Claus slipping away through the chimney flue;
Can watch him fill up the stockings and learn that he's really true!
Well worth a few paltry hours of sleep that one does not really need;
Worth all of the awful perils that the blackest night can breed;
Worth cudgelling up one's courage since he wakened at half-past three;
Worth anything that it may cost one such knowledge as that would be!

SO patter along, old fellow, tread softly and shield the light,
For Santa Claus might be frightened if the hallway should grow too bright.
Peer stealthily round the corner, and watch through the densest gloom
When you quietly, quietly enter the parlor and dining room;
For thousands of eager children, who never were *sure* before,
But hope, oh, so hard, that he is true, wait breathless while you explore.
And we who have learned so little, and whose myths have become so few,
As the years have carried us onward—we hope that you find him, too.

By Beatrice Fairfax

She Says the Way to Succeed Is to Do One Thing at a Time and to Do That Thing Well

By Beatrice Fairfax

IN order to do anything well you must learn to concentrate your thoughts and energies.

You cannot do good work if your attention is miles away, if your thoughts are all bent on what you did last night or expect to do to-night.

Think of what you are doing while you are doing it. Let your mind and hands travel together.

You may be merely washing dishes, or sweeping the floor, but if you want to do it properly you must keep your attention on your work.

You may be a schoolgirl, studying your lessons; you won't get any good from them unless you put your mind on them.

The lesson of concentration is one of the hardest of all lessons to learn; the mind is an unruly thing and not always subject to control.

Learn Concentration

HAVE you ever talked to any one when your attention was wandering all over the place, when you found it next to impossible to concentrate your mind on what was being said to you? It is not a comfortable sensation, and you are always miserably conscious that the person talking to you is aware of your lack of attention.

If you learn to concentrate your mind you will be able to shut out every sound in the room but the voice of the person talking to you.

I know a young man who writes. No matter how much disturbance is going on in the room he writes serenely on, not in the least disturbed by the noise. That is because he can concentrate his entire attention on the thing he is doing.

Take an Interest

YOU must remember, girls, that your employer does not alone pay you for your time; he pays you for your attention and your interest in your work.

At the end of the week you expect to be paid your salary in full, don't you? Well, can you always feel that you have absolutely earned it? Do you always do your best?

Your hands may have been busy every minute of the time, but have you thought of what you were doing, and have you done it to the very best of your ability?

The successful woman is the woman who concentrates her mind on her work.

The dreamer never comes out from her rosy visions long enough to see the practical side of things. While she is dreaming others are plodding steadily along toward some desired goal.

Do one thing at a time, dear girls, and do it well. That is the way to succeed and to give satisfaction to your employers.

Love Mars or Makes Woman's Happiness

THE happiness of women! Has it ever been of the least importance in the world? There are men who love their wives truly and devotedly, but even these do not seem to think that a woman's happiness depends on them.

They are wives, they have a home and children, a sufficient or an insufficient income; what more can any reasonable woman want?

If she has any individual taste she has merged it long ago into that of her husband, she has given herself to him wholly and entirely, and if he is very devoted he will try not to grumble at the housekeeping bills; he gives her the tacit affection that was in the bargain, and it is only if he should chance to be a failure in the world outside that he comes crying to her for the love of which she has such a store.

Now, women do not want to marry the failures of the world. Love has ceased to be everything to a woman.

Man is a selfish animal, it is a natural and inherited instinct, and if he cannot get all he wants for himself, how is he to get it for you? The failures of the world are the men who are lacking in self-control, in initiative, in energy and enterprise, if they have not other and graver faults.

Would any woman, if she gave it serious thought, desire to marry one of these? However advanced a woman may be to-day, she still wants to look for guidance to her husband. It is all right enough to be on the side of the angels, but how are we to shield a man from his own incompetency?

We cannot do it, great as our love for him may be. That man had had his chance, and he has missed it. Are we to sink our happiness in the lake of his despair?

This advice is to all the nice girls in the world—to those who, because it is their place in life, wish to marry and have homes of their own.

Choose your husband, and do not marry simply because a man, attracted perhaps by your hair and your eyelashes, thinks you would make him an excellent cook. Cooking can be learned, like other things, and if the man you choose wants you to cook for him by all means do it, and do it well. You have married him, and it is your pleasure and delight to consider his welfare, but at least let him be worth your thought.

Choose your husband for some good and sufficient reason; on your choice depends the happiness or the misery of at least two lives.

Ask yourself what this man has done that you should love him. What has the life been that he offers to share with you? What is it going to be when the church has bound you to him? Men require so much of us. They want us to be angels and women at one and the same time. Why should we ask nothing of them?

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SALT PORK CHOWDER

FRY three slices of fat salt pork. Pare and slice thin eight potatoes and three or four onions. Put pork and fat into a kettle, add about two quarts of water; have it boiling. Season with salt and pepper. Then add potatoes and onions. Let it boil until done, then add three or four split crackers and a cup of rich milk or thin cream. Set it on the back of the stove for five or ten minutes. Do not let it boil after putting in the cream.

WARMING POTATOES

When warming up potatoes after putting them into the spider with whatever you warm with them, take an empty baking powder or a coffee can to chop them up with in the spider. Try this and you will use no other chopper.
ALMEDA H. FISHER.
Allenstown, N. H.

OMELET

SIX eggs, white and yolks beaten separate; one tablespoonful of flour, one cup of milk, a piece of butter size of a walnut, a little salt. Then butter your frying pan and heat it hot and pour in and cook quickly for five minutes. Be sure eggs are beaten well.
MRS. JOHN E. TIFFANY.
Warwick Neck, R. I.

CORN CHOWDER

TAKE six good-sized potatoes; peel and slice very thin; two large onions sliced the same; one pint of water, piece of butter a little larger than an egg. Put on stove and boil until potatoes are tender, then add one can of corn and pepper and salt to taste. Cook a little while longer, then add one pint of sweet milk.

SCALLOPED OYSTERS

BUTTER a baking dish and put layer of cracker crumbs; put small piece of butter on cracker crumbs and then put a layer of oysters; salt and pepper oysters. Repeat until dish is full, but have a layer of cracker crumbs on top. Put in as much milk as this will absorb and bake in oven about an hour.
MRS. M. A. LIBERTY.
No. 1 Wendell Terrace, Worcester.

LEMON MERINGUE PIE.

BEAT the yolks of four eggs, ten tablespoonfuls white sugar, three of melted butter and the juice of one lemon and a half; add three tablespoons of milk or cream if preferred; bake in an under crust, then beat the whites, not too stiff; when cooked, pour over the top; put back in the oven to brown. This is delicious.
MRS. P. LEAVY.
No. 9 Parker street, Malden.

Smart New Things for Woman's Wear

NO petticoat since petticoats began has been more to the point than the jersey-top skirt, without a vent, fitting closely over the hips and finished with a deep silk flounce that gives an admirable foot-flare. The elastic waistband slips on over the head and needs no string, hook or other fastening.

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Women who ride to the theatre in the street cars will welcome an innovation in opera bags in the shape of a small bag of suede in gray or green, to hold the glasses and kerchief, on the outside of which is buttoned a little change pocket for car fare or cab tips.

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Small squares of cambric plaided with a fine hairline stripe of color and edged with a narrow border of the same color are the daintiest novelties shown in handkerchiefs.

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Deep turnover collars and cuffs of stiff embroidered linen, edged with the narrowest knife-plaiting of pale blue, crimson or light green, and worn with a little bow of the same color, are new and very becoming.

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That an evening coat may be simple and yet be truly regal is attested to by one long, perfectly plain evening coat worn this Winter, of electric blue broadcloth, with no ornamentation save broad shawl collar and cuffs of ermine.

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Most brilliant was a wonderful Chinese embroidered coat, worn at a restaurant dinner, over a black spangled gown. This wrap was of electric blue satin, almost covered with thick incrustations of serpents and dragons, worked in black and gold, vividly dashed with flaring scarlet and green.

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Peculiar, indeed, are the idiosyncrasies of a fashion that produces such a hat as recently seen—of chalky blue felt, the back built up on green maline, the side adorned with six half-ripe lemons of yellowish green color, and from these jutting a tuft of gray marabout!

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Worn at the theatre was a delightful specimen of the new evening head-dress, consisting of a fold of white tulle laid softly around the knot of hair, with a large, soft chou placed close against the hair at the left, and on this poised a brilliant green and blue humming bird, his threadlike tail plumage sweeping lightly down against the hair.

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A decorative tie is of black tulle, knotted about the base of the collar, and fastening in front with a diamond clasp, from which depend diamond fringes.

TO RENEW LOOKING GLASS

WHEN old looking glasses need renewing, paint them on the back with the following mixture: Half an ounce of tin, half an ounce of lead and three ounces of bismuth melted together. When slightly cool add three ounces of mercury and apply with a hare's foot.

Advice to Anxious Sweethearts

By Beatrice Fairfax

LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:
I am a girl about twenty and in love with a man one year younger. We both are employed in the same place and I only see him twice during the whole day. I never had the pleasure of going out with him. I think he is rather bashful, but one evening last week I was out with another young man employed at the same place and he heard of it and all I hear now is, "How is your other friend?" I would not want to lose him for the world. I wish you would give me a little advice and tell me what I can do as I really love the fellow.
VELOMA.

HE probably is only teasing you. I would not count too much on him if I were you. His feelings toward you seem to be merely friendly. The only thing to do is go on just as you are doing, and time will show if his interest in you is serious.

20,000 HAPPY BY SALVATION ARMY XMAS

Lassies Have Been at Work for Weeks Collecting Funds and Gifts.

Holiday Gladness to Be Carried Into Thousands of Homes of the Poor.

By Eleanor Ames.

BLESSED is he who has dropped a penny in the Christmas boxes for the Salvation Army or the Volunteers of America, for he shall have part in doing great good.

For the past three weeks representatives of these two great and noble organizations have worked ceaselessly to one end—that the spirit of Christmas might be more widespread in Boston and that some of the city's misery might be alleviated.

Through the cold and rain and snow and sunshine, they have stood patiently, bravely, at their posts, mute reminders of the need for charity and the joy of giving.

To Make 20,000 Happy.

By the efforts of the Salvation Army alone, Christmas cheer will reach over 20,000 individuals.

For three weeks nearly 150 earnest workers for the Salvation Army have been planning and laboring for the Christmas celebration.

Some have collected money and material; others have scoured the city for the needy; others have made ready the feast and the toys and the substantial gifts which will make life worth living to the discouraged and displace suffering by comfort.

Two thousand basket dinners will be sent to various homes tomorrow by the Army.

Each basket will contain dinner for five persons, so that 10,000 individuals will be well fed.

For the great Christmas banquet in Mechanics' Building 3,000 guests are expected.

More than 5,000 children will find a toy of some kind in their stocking tomorrow, and there are some 200 very poor families who will cease for the moment to suffer from cold and hunger and lack of clothing.

Mrs. Evans, wife of the colonel of the Army, who has scarcely known the meaning of rest since the Christmas preparations commenced, said to-day that the supply was fairly adequate to the demand, though there seemed never to be enough to make plenty entirely supersede want.

Hearts Ache with Sympathy.

"The more we can do, the more we find to do," she explained. "Is there as much suffering as last year? I should say that conditions are about the same.

"We have had some very cold weather, and that always means increased suffering among the poor.

"We are never at a loss to find the needy. We are more often perplexed regarding the means of relief.

"There is so much poverty in the world. Some desperate cases have come to our attention, and our workers' hearts always ache with sympathy.

"What is the cause of all this misery, you ask?

"Lack of work, lack of health, old age, misfortune, death, drunkenness; the list of causes is unending.

"According to the workers it is not the easiest of tasks to unearth the most deserving poor.

Have You Had a Share in It?

Through the cold and rain and snow and sunshine, the women of the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America have stood patiently, bravely, at their posts, mute reminders of the need for charity and the joy of giving. As a result of their grand, self-sacrificing, helpful efforts, tens of thousands of people will be able to catch the true spirit of the Christmastide and rejoice in the day.—*Eleanor Ames.*

A SALVATION LASSIE'S CHRISTMAS VISIT.
Photographed by Boston American Staff Photographer.



"It often takes great poverty to kill pride, and many a sufferer struggles along in silence until compelled to seek aid.

"The bravest exterior may hide the heaviest heart.

"Independence is a quality in humanity that knows no caste.

"In her daily rounds one of the Army visitors recently found a striking example of this.

"In a dismal tenement she discovered a mother and two children, a girl of seven and a boy of three.

"The husband and father is in the insane asylum.

All Out of a Dollar.

"The mother is none too strong. When she is able to work she goes out by the day, earning a dollar for long hours and heavy labor.

"Out of this sum she has to pay car fare when the work is beyond walking distance; the fee at the day nursery for the care of her baby boy; the rent and heat and food and light and clothing for the three.

"If work was steady the task would not be so difficult, but illness and lack of employment has reduced the family to almost desperate want.

"Christmas would have meant only bitterness and hunger had it not been for the blue uniformed visitor.

"Now it will mean a big, well-filled basket, toys for the children and comfortable clothing."

"Bring me bed clothes! I'm starving!" was the cry which greeted a visitor who pushed open the door of a miserable room in an East Boston tenement.

An old man raised his tousled head from a cot and shrieked the words at her, then sank back exhausted.

It was a cold day. There was no fire in the room. There were only a few scraps of food.

The old man, sick and in pain, lay shivering under one small coverlet, which was all the house afforded.

Old age and ill-health told the story of the pitiful condition of the family.

The husband was too ill to leave his bed and the wife just able to get around.

A young girl of eighteen, whose weekly wage cannot exceed four dollars, is the main support of another Boston family which consists of a paralyzed father, a one-armed young boy and a delicate mother.

The mother is not able to go out to work, and, besides the condition of her husband demands her constant care. Recently she has been fortunate in securing some paper flowers to make, and the few pennies earned helps the family fund.

Christmas will dawn with special cheer for this family, for the way has been made clear for them to help themselves.

The arrangement of the tenement is such that one room could be spared. The Army furnished this and made it ready for a lodger, which will reduce the rent \$1.50 or \$2 a week.

These are only samples of thousands of stories so like in cause and effect that they sound pitifully monotonous.

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Testimony From Victims of Telephone Duplication in Lewiston and Auburn, Maine

Frank L. Dingley, Editor of Lewiston, Me., Journal—"One telephone line placed under government restrictions, in my opinion, is the best thing for the people."

Cyrus Greely, President Androscoggin County Savings Bank—"In our bank business we find need for only one telephone. We use the New England and find it gives an excellent service. Our long distance work is naturally quite an amount and on this class of service we get excellent results. Calls to Boston and other places are made with promptness, and the results are satisfactory. The New England service has been greatly improved and the management seems to be alive to the needs of the public."

S. P. Robie, Men's Furnishing Goods—"We now use only one telephone line. It has been our experience that two lines have been of no benefit in our business. In fact gave us lots of unnecessary trouble."

Albert R. Prince, of the Firm of Morrell & Prince Shoe Company, Lewiston—"In our business we use only the New England telephone line. We are able to transact all our telephone business over this line, and are satisfied with results. We had another telephone connection for a while but found it to be an absolute nuisance. It was a bother to answer two telephones, and the results obtained with two lines were no better than with one. In my opinion there should be only one telephone company, but that should not be allowed to have a monopoly so as to oppress its patrons."

David E. Westall, of White & Westall, Blank Books, Stationery, etc., Lewiston—"I tried the two telephone line system and did not like it. I now use only one line, the New England, and am satisfied with the service."

Harry L. Plummer, Photographer, Lewiston—"I use only the New England line. Find no use for any other."

Edward M. Small, of Bagley & Small, Dealers in Fruit, Confectionery and Manufacturers of Cigars—"I believe the public is better served with one telephone company. Two lines makes additional expense and trouble."

Hon. William E. Webster, Mayor of Lewiston, and a Member of the Grocery Firm of Spear & Webster—"I prefer only one system of telephone service. Two systems are a nuisance and add to the expense of a business."

Hon. Wallace H. White, ex-State Senator—"I prefer a single system. Do not believe competition in the telephone business is desirable."

Frank R. Whitney, City Electrician of Lewiston—"I think one system of telephones is far preferable to two or more. The more lines you have the more poles must be set, and this adds to the unsightly appearance of a city, and also makes additional danger from poles and wires. I can see no advantage in having two systems."

E. A. Davis, ex-Alderman and ex-Tax Collector of Lewiston—"I believe the people are better served with only one line of telephones. Two systems add to the expense and inconvenience."

Colonel N. B. Potter, Treasurer of Androscoggin County—"I have always been of the opinion that the community is not so well served with two telephone lines as it would be with one. The New England line seems up to date and gives good service."

R. B. Hayes, Cashier of the Manufacturers' National Bank, Lewiston—"I can see no good reason for having two lines of telephones. The New England is all right locally and gives a good out-of-town service."

Golder & McCarthy, Leading Grocery Firm of Lewiston—"We could do all of our business just as well over the New England line as we do it now over two lines. Rival telephone lines seems to be of no particular benefit to the public."

Atherton Furniture Company, Lewiston—"We can do all of our business over one line, and use the New England. Can see no benefit in a rival company."

A. D. Barker, Agent of the Avon Manufacturing Company, Lewiston—"We use only the New England line and have no use for another system."

Hon. George Pottle, Lewiston, Member of the State Board of Assessors—"The telephone business is a natural monopoly and one company, placed under proper restrictions, ought to serve the public better than two or more companies."

Wade & Dunton, Carriage Manufacturers, Lewiston—"The public would be as well served with one telephone system. Can see no need for competition in the telephone business, which is different from any other line of business, and presents a different proposition."

W. H. Teague, Leading Cigar Manufacturer, Lewiston—"I use only the New England telephone line. A second system is of no use to me."

W. E. Riker, Leading Druggist, Lewiston—"The New England is the only telephone I need. Can see no benefit from competition in the telephone business."

George M. Coombs of Coombs & Gibbs, Architects, Lewiston—"Two telephone companies in a community simply increase the expense of the business. I do not think two telephone companies are desirable."

County Commissioner Parcher—"I prefer one telephone company to two, but think the government should regulate the rates."

Mr. McCarronn, Manager of Cigar Store of J. M. Scannell, Lisbon street, Lewiston—"I do not consider Lewiston as well served as to telephones as before the coming of the Automatic Company. It is true that the Bell Company has many more subscribers now than then, but I am of the opinion that there would have been just as many if the Automatic had not started. The way the thing is now, if a business man wants to have a complete service he must pay about as much more than he was paying to the old company to the new one, and in return get in touch with about one-quarter of the number of subscribers that the old company has." Upon being asked if he were a city official and had to vote on the question of granting a franchise to a second company which way he would vote, his reply was emphatically "NO."

I. B. Isaacson, Blue Store, President of the Merchants' Association, Lewiston, said he had been asked by the promoters of the independent company in Boston to make a statement for the association, and had replied that he could not do so as he could not express the feeling of the association. He would say personally, however, that he had better telephone service before the coming of the second company.

Maines & Bonnell, Clothiers, Lisbon street, Lewiston, when asked whether they were better served with two companies than one, they said they were in no position to say, as they had used only the New England service.

Edward A. McIlheron, Cigar Dealer, Lisbon street, Lewiston—"I cannot see the advantage of having two telephones. I used them both until I was convinced that such was the fact."

Alton L. Grant, Candy Manufacturer, Lisbon street, Lewiston, when asked how he enjoyed the double telephone system, as established in Lewiston, he replied, pointing to Automatic instrument: "That thing there I've got no use for, and when I pay for it I consider that I have thrown just so much money away. One company for mine, every time."

A. Singer, Dry Goods, Lisbon street, Lewiston—"I used to have the Automatic, but have had it taken out, as I found I could reach only a small percentage of the people, while I could get practically all telephone users on the New England."

P. Cain, Clothier, Lisbon street, Lewiston—"I use only the Bell and have no use for two systems. One is bad enough and two would be a nuisance."

A. A. Wills, 182 Lisbon street, Lewiston—"One company is certainly the ideal service. I was in business here before the coming of the second company and tried it for a time and found it simply an additional expense without any additional business coming in. Am satisfied that a second company is a nuisance to the business community."

W. A. McCarty, Druggist, Lisbon street, Lewiston—"The city is divided in its service, and the business man is under double expense. If it were up to me as to whether a second company should enter the city again, I would certainly say 'NO.'"

Hon. George W. Wing, Auburn—"One God, one wife, one telephone. The legislature has the power to regulate the rate the same as with the railroads. One telephone is enough."

A. A. Garcelon, ex-City Marshal and ex-Tax Collector, Auburn—"I believe in only one telephone line, as two companies simply increase the expense without any compensating results."

F. A. Rendall, Marble and Granite Works, Auburn—"One telephone is enough."

Harry G. McMurray, Superintendent of Field Brothers & Gross, Auburn—"Under existing conditions two telephones are a detriment to the community."

Dr. B. F. Sturgis, Member of Public Works Commission, Auburn—"I don't believe that in a city of this size two telephone companies are as good as one."

L. W. Haskell, Hardware Dealer and Chief of Fire Department, Auburn—"One is enough, but I believe there is room for improvement."

Murray B. Watson of J. P. Hutchinson & Co., Auburn, real estate and insurance agents—"I believe two 'phones are a nuisance."

H. C. Day, Cashier of First National Bank, Auburn—"Two are a nuisance, although it must be admitted that they have advantages."

H. W. Getchell of Bumpus & Getch[illegible] Druggists—"I would prefer to have one good system."

S. L. Young of Young & Robie, Men's Furnishers, Auburn—"We use only one 'phone."

Charles F. Barrows, Gentlemen's Furnishings, Auburn—"One properly operated is enough."

H. I. Jordan, Manager of Auburn Paper Box Company, Auburn—"Two are a nuisance for us."

Dr. B. G. W. Cushman, Member of Board of Health—"I think one is enough but I don't like to see a monopoly in anything."

Eldreth Arnold, Hardware and Plumbing—"Two are a nuisance. It is an imposition to have to pay for two telephones."

Fred B. Groves, Upholsterer and Member of Public Works Commission, Auburn—"Only one telephone, certainly. Two is almost a tax on the people. The rates should be regulated, though."

Dr. L. M. Goodrich, Dentist, of the Firm of Smiley & Goodrich, Auburn—"One is enough, certainly."

James Elms, Hardware Dealer and Member of the Fire Commission, Auburn—"Under proper regulation, I believe that one is enough."

Charles W. Harris, Undertaker, of the Firm of Harris & Penley, Auburn—"I believe that one is enough."

O. W. Jones, Druggist, Auburn—"I believe in one telephone."

Charles E. Merrill, Undertaker, of Firm of Plummer & Merrill—"Under proper regulations I would approve of only one."

E. S. Brooks, of Brooks & Company, Auburn—"I don't believe we need two telephones any more than we need two postoffices. I think that the time will come when telephones will be under the control of the proper commissions."

F. S. Neal, Manager of Brooks & Company, Auburn—"I only have one telephone at my place of business."

F. M. Taylor of Auburn Wagon Works, Auburn—"Under the proper conditions I believe in one telephone."

J. P. Hutchinson, of J. P. Hutchinson & Company, Auburn—"I always believed in one telephone. Two are a nuisance."

Oscar F. [illegible]es, of Olfene & Holmes, Auburn, Grocers—"W[illegible] best of service I think that one ought to be enough."

Harry F. Whitehouse, Alderman—"I believe that two are a nuisance."

WHOLE WORLD OF SPORTS COVERED FOR THE BOSTON AMERICAN BY ITS CORPS OF EXPERTS

JEFFRIES WANTS WINNER TO TAKE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT



READY TO SIGN JEFF

By Boston American Leased Wire.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—F. C. Skinner, the Rhyolite fight promoter, accompanied by B. F. Taylor, a wealthy Nevada mining man, has arrived in Los Angeles for the purpose of arranging for a finish fight for the heavyweight championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and Squires of Australia, who is now ready to start for America.

It is understood Skinner is ready to meet Jeffries demands for a $50,000 purse, and the battle probably will take place at the mining town in the early Spring.

HARVARD'S BASEBALL PROSPECTS

With indoor 'varsity baseball practice starting up after vacation, the prospects of the 1907 Harvard nine are beginning to attract the attention of the undergraduates.

Captain Dexter has already issued a call for material of all kinds to be ready, and besides that has been out digging after a head coach. Who he has in view is known only to himself. "Three are on the verge of taking charge for next season," he said yesterday, "but if their names were divulged just now the chances are that I'd have to look up some new ones, and they are few and far between at present."

Material for a Good Team.

There is so much internal warfare in Harvard athletics and more especially in baseball, that Captain Dexter is going to have his hands full to keep his team running smoothly. The material is undoubtedly there for an average good team. But two positions are left to be filled—first base and pitcher. These gaps have a surplus of material ready to enter the list, and it's all good.

For the twirling department G. F. Greene '07, sub pitcher on last year's nine, is perhaps the most logical man for the mound. He is what might be termed an independent ball player, a novelty at Harvard, and if his best work doesn't satisfy the coaches in a game he is satisfied to wait until they send for him. As to going out of his way to curry favor, he is satisfied to rest on his work alone. Greene has good curves, fair control, but needs plenty of coaching to field his position properly. He ranks average as a batter among pitchers—poor. Carl E. Lincoln, '08, is another man who will go after the feeder's division. Lincoln has fair speed, a good spit ball generally and good experience on class and prep teams. D. O. Slater, '08; N. K. Hartford, '09, and S. D. Brush, '09, of last year's freshman nine, and D. C. Brennan, '07, are also possibilities. Brennan should have been heard from during his college course ere this, and should he manage to get on the squad with a clear card he'll make a regular.

First Base Vacant.

The other position to be filled is first base, left vacant by Bart Stephenson. There will probably be four men that will go after the first corner—Frank Burr, '09; Arthur McCarthy, '07; G. F. Waters, '09, and Ben Stephenson, '09.

Burr and Stephenson have the range for the corner. Both are largely built boys capable of getting the altitude and longitude with accuracy. Waters played the position on the second team last year and should put up a good tussel. Arthur McCarthy will probably go out again for the sack. Mac is the nearest approach to Fred Tenney that can be found in this vicinity, and his batting last year for eleven games was .311. He can go into the field as well, but on account of the usual Harvard Athletic Association difficulties, the ex-Boston Latin captain has been in and out of his playing for a year. The chances are that if Dexter and a good coach run the team, Harvard will have a fair chance.

"Al" Castle's name has been put forward as coach. Castle positively declines the honor unless he can have the run of the team and name the men who shall play in the games. Paul Coburn has also been put up, but so much internal warfare was waged last year—and particularly before the Yale games—that there is only a slight probability of his taking charge. "Ed" Grant, who was with the Chicago Nationals last year and has his Harvard degree, is another chance. He also has his stipulations aside from the mere name.

To Decide Coach This Week.

Captain Dexter will make known his choice at the end of the week.

The other positions on the nine will probably be as follows: E. P. Currier, '09, catcher; H. McCall, '09, second base; J. W. Simonds, '09, short; C. R. Leonard, third; Captain W. D. Dexter, '07, centre; C. W. Harvey, '09, left, and J. D. Pounds, '08, right.

The schedule of games has not yet been selected, but Yale has provisionally held open June 20, 25 and 29 for the annual series.

PROKOS TO MEET BENNETT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday night's wrestling bout between Prokos and Wilfrid Bennett at the Columbia promises to be a hard fought tussle, both men having a score to settle.

Prokos, better known as "The Terrible Greek," will have to do his best against the muscular French Canadian, with the popular Greco-Roman rules to govern. Already the demand for tickets has assumed amateur night proportions and the Greek colony will turn out stronger than ever.

HUESTON PLAYS KEOGH.

William Hueston will try to wrest the world's pool championship from Jerome Keogh on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. They will play in Buffalo, 600 balls, 200 each night.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

The Sportsmen's Show will be held in Mechanics' Hall under the auspices of the New England Forest, Fish and Game Association, March 30 to April 13. There will be a lake occupying practically all the floor space in Grand Hall. A big lake will also be constructed in Machinery Hall.

SUBURBAN BOUTS ARE ONLY LOCAL INTEREST

There will be a few opportunities for the local fans to get connected with some mix-ups during the week, but in each case it will be necessary to go out of town. To-morrow Lawrence and Haverhill will hold bouts.

If the local fans want to see any boxing this week they will have to go to Lawrence or Haverhill to-morrow. There will be bouts in both cities in the afternoon. In Lawrence Young Kloby will go against Rouse O'Brien, and there should be some lively milling. Young Donahue and Young Kenney clash in Haverhill, and they should put up a fast contest.

In Lowell Friday night Jimmy Briggs will meet Young Kenney, and as both are aggressive boxers their bout should be an interesting one.

The contest between Bartley Connelly and Arthur Cote, which takes place at Rumford Falls, Me., Friday night, is creating a lot of interest in that section and it will be a great bout.

Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette are not going to box in Portland on New Year's Day, nor has Langford changed managers as some pseudo-sports announced the other day. The promoters in Portland write that they will have nothing to do with the person who is now posing as Langford's manager. The Mayor of Portland, it is said, will not permit a bout in that city before January 10.

Joe Woodman, although not at present on speaking terms with Langford, is still the person that clubs will have to talk business with if they want Langford's services. If they attempt to ignore Woodman there is certain to be trouble.

There will be a boxing fest in Philadelphia on Christmas afternoon. The National, Broadway and the Wayne A. C. all have shows billed for a matinee on that day. The best card will be that put on by Manager McGuigan at the National. He offers the following bouts: Frank Carsey of Chicago against Tony Bender, the Elizabeth, N. J., whirlwind; Billy Clark of Philadelphia and Joe Gregg, the Indian fighter; Tommy Lowe and Sammy Smith; Jack Williams of Philadelphia and Tommy Sullivan of Lawrence, and the wind-up between "Young" Erne of Philadelphia and Tommy Quill of Brockton.

The principal bout at the Broadway matinee will bring together Joe Ryan of Philadelphia and the Greek fighter, "Greek" Jimmy Ryan, while Abe Herman of New York will battle with Eddie Carter in the wind-up at the Wayne A. C.

Maurice Sayers, who recently defeated Amby McGarry of New York, will meet Art Simms of Akron, O., in the wind-up at the Broadway A. C. on Thursday night.

Boxing Bouts for the Week

MONDAY.

Jack Baker vs. Harry Rodgers at Terre Haute, Ind.

TUESDAY.

Young Kloby vs. Rouse O'Brien, Lawrence.

Young Donahue vs. Young Kenney, Haverhill.

Joe Bernstein vs. Harry Scroggs, Baltimore.

Tommy Sullivan vs. Jack Williams; Young Erne vs. unknown, Joe Gregg vs. Billy Clark, Sammy Smith vs. Tom Lowe and Tony Bender vs. Frank Carsey, Abe Herman vs. Eddie Carter, Philadelphia.

THURSDAY.

Jack Dougherty vs. Jack Reed, Peoria.

Maurice Sayers vs. Art Simms, Philadelphia.

FRIDAY.

Jimmy Briggs vs. Young Kenney, Lowell.

Rube Ferns vs. unknown, Montreal.

Bartley Connelly vs. A. Cote, Rumford Falls.

GANS WORKS HARD ON WEIGHT
HERMAN A ROUGH MIXER

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 24.— Yesterday afternoon the biggest crowd that has yet assembled in the big Casino—which is easily turned into a gymnasium—was present to see Herman work. The Chicago boy was certainly there with the entertainment.

It is Herman's style of fighting, as shown in his gymnasium workouts, that the people here like. He is rough at all times. He has a tear-in plan of campaign and he uses it every afternoon in his sparring exhibitions with Adam Ryan.

From now to New Year's day it will be a programme of hard work in both camps. Gans will work the harder of the two, for the reason that he is not going to make the weight as easily as the Kid. Herman is practically at weight now. What the colored boy will do on the scales is known only to himself and those intimately connected with his camp. He is not weighing in public.

It is now a question among the residents of this section as to which of the two men is the more popular. Gans made himself solid by his actions before and during the battle with Nelson at Goldfield last September. Herman is making himself just as well liked through his strict adherence to training rules, his evident earnestness and his apparent effort to let the miners here know that he is going into the ring on New Year's day intending to win if he can.

NEEDHAM AND BATES TO SIGN

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Catcher Needham and Outfielder Bates of the Boston National League team, both of whom reside at Steubenville, O., came to Pittsburg yesterday for the purpose of conferring with George B. Dovey, the new owner of the Boston team, who came down from Latrobe, where he is spending the holidays with his mother.

After it was over it was announced that both Needham and Bates were ready to attach their signatures to Boston contracts.

PLAYERS LEAVE FOR THE SOUTH

The professional baseball team which is to play in the South during the Winter months under the management of Jim Duffey of Everett is to start on its trip to-night.

Eleven players are going on the trip, including some well-known New England experts. Among them are Jim Maroney, the Lowell pitcher; Jim Wallace, the outfielder; Jim O'Neill, who will play an infield position; Arthur McGovern, the South Boston boy, who will catch; Pat Connolly, pitcher; Wirt Cannell, an outfielder; Tom Doran and Clarke of Cleveland, catchers, and John B. Hoey.

Jeff Will Meet the Australian for a $50,000 Purse
SQUIRES COMING TO AMERICA

By W. W. Naughton.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The writing on the wall says that Jeffries will be in harness again before another year has passed. He says so himself and he is honest enough and matter of fact enough to declare that it is the lure of gold that has knocked the props from under his retirement and shaken his resolution clear to the foundations.

Of course, in view of Big Jim's trick of saying things and then unsaying them, it is hard to pin him down to any particular declaration or intention, but I think they have got him going this time. It was thought that Jeffries could be induced to fight Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight. This is the match the gold camp fight fortherers were angling for, but Jeffries has planted his ponderous foot squarely upon the proposition. He says positively he will not box Johnson, but that Squires, the Australian champion, can have a match if he comes over here.

Squires Sends Cablegram.

A few days ago there was published in the Examiner a copy of a cablegram received by the writer from Sporting Editor Beckett of the Melbourne Age which showed that Squires contemplates a trip to the United States. The cable read:

"Squires will go for a purse of 4,000 pounds, 60 per cent. winner, 40 per cent. loser, net. Will fight anyone."

This was followed a day or two later by another cable reading: "Squires will go to America. Will contest championship." These deep-sea-dispatches make clear that Squires is not particular who he is called upon to fight. When the first cable came it was argued that he might object to Jeffries on the score that the latter was in retirement when the challenge was issued. When he says, however, "Will fight any one," and "Will contest championship," it can be readily seen that the defi is broad enough in its scope to take in Jeffries or any one else.

Offer of Skinner of Rhyolite.

Skinner, of Rhyolite, has offered $50,000 for a fight with Jeffries in it and has given the Burbank man his choice of Johnson and Squires.

With many leagues of ocean separating Jeffries and Squires there may be some difficulty in getting them to agree on terms of a battle. One thing is certain, however, a go between the American and the Australian would come nearer to being a world's championship affair than any event which has taken place since Sayers and Heenan fought across the pond.

Squires is beyond doubt the best man produced in Australia since the days of Jackson, Slavin, Goddard and Fitzsimmons. He has cleaned up everything before him, and there is no one else worth while in his own country for him to tackle. England has no heavyweight champion, and if there is anyone better entitled to represent the United States than Jeffries, where is he?

Mitchell Was No Champion.

When Sullivan and Mitchell fought, Mitchell was not regarded as the bona fide champion of England even and no account was taken of the fact that Peter Jackson and Slavin were to the fore as candidates for the world's championship. Kilrain's fight with Jem Smith of England was a joke so far as the world's championship end of it was concerned.

The shadow of Jackson and Slavin fell athwart the Jim Corbett-Charlie Mitchell fight, and while the Corbett-Fitzsimmons go at Carson was a bona fide world's championship affair, it had not the glamor of an international event. Let anyone who doubts this recall Fitzsimmons waving an American flag in his corner after scoring the knockout. Bob, as a matter of fact, had sworn allegiance to Uncle Sam long before he thought of meeting Corbett.

An International Fight.

In this affair all the elements of an international squabble are plainly in sight. One man is an Australian and the undisputed cock of the walk in his own country. The other is an American ready to defy the universe. Squires intends to remain on his own stamping ground until all terms are arranged. It is up to the promoters to find out what Jeffries proposes, and then dare the Australian to invade America.

There has been so much Jeffries in the fight gossip of the week that other things in the pugilistic line have been overshadowed.

Tommy Burns and Jack O'Brien have not as yet accepted an offer for their next meeting and all that can be said at present is that McCarey of Los Angeles is the highest bidder.

In addition to an inflated purse there is another incentive for O'Brien and Burns to train faithfully and fight their level best when they come together again. Jeffries is back in the game and no white man on earth is barred by the big fellow. While the only fifty thousand dollar offer made so far does not mention either Burns or O'Brien as a possible opponent for Jeffries there is nothing to prevent either of them qualifying for the proud position.

Burns and O'Brien Matched.

The fact that Burns and O'Brien are practically matched may have had something to do with their elimination from the list of Jeffries eligibles, and meanwhile Jeffries has said that he would as soon fight either Tommy or Jack when they are footloose as any other heavy weight.

Word comes from Tonopah that the miner sports have taken quite a fancy to Kid Hermann and are nibbling at the short end of the betting in a way which promises to cause a shrinkage in the odds against the Chicagoan before many days go by.

The Tonopah fight followers are probably taking for their guide the fact that it is the unexpected that happens in the prize ring in seven cases out of ten. That Gans will be defeated and thoroughly defeated if he stays with the fighting game is as sure as fate, and who knows but this is the time. Changes in the world's championship are generally effected while the sporting public stands open mouthed with surprise, and it is just possible that New Year's Day will be the occasion when Gans will emulate John L. Sullivan at New Orleans and say: "I tried once too often."

NO NEW YORK BUILDING LARGE ENOUGH FOR SHOWS

BY J. C. KERRISON.

New York's need of a new show building is brought home in no way more emphatically than by the regular automobile show in Madison Square Garden every year. Scores of would-be exhibitors were refused space in the coming show of January 12-19 for lack of room. This need of a big show structure may be greater than ever next year, for, according to one high in authority, there is likely to be only one show. The talk about the possibility of several shows being held in New York next year has led to this likelihood of only one show being pointed out by an executive officer of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, who says:

"The subject of shows is a most interesting one from every standpoint, and one so important that an early discussion is naturally productive of better results. However, I think any plans for future shows made by the manufacturers not licensed under the Selden patent must necessarily be premature, for a most important situation in the industry seems to have been overlooked by them. It is expected that long before another show time arrives a decision will be reached in the cases pending against the Ford Motor Car Company, John Wanamaker and O. J. Gude, as manufacturer, dealer and user, respectively, for infringement of the United States patent 549,160, granted to George B. Selden in 1895. The decision will undoubtedly make a very radical change in the aspect of the situation."

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A considerable business in placing agencies was done by the new makers, who went into the club show in New York. The exhibitors needed dealers, and a lot of new ones were given several lines of cars. Retail sales at the show were affected adversely, however, by the fact that, generally speaking, the buyers of medium and low priced cars are essentially shoppers, who want to see all makes before buying; also they are mostly persons of limited means and not inclined to put up deposits just before Christmas for cars they will not want until Spring. This class remembered that at the national show in Madison Square Garden, during the week of January 12-19, there will be offered medium and low-priced cars of standard makes.

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The wonderful success of the recent Automobile Club show in the Grand Central Palace, great as it was, bids fair to be equalled, if not exceeded, by the coming show of the Licensed Manufacturers' Association in the Madison Square Garden next month.

Judging by the demand in the East for some comparatively unknown cars, this year's business will exceed the supply. The public is simply clamoring for cars, and, of course, the better known manufacturers whose wares have proved their worth will largely reap the benefit of this demand.

Only Two Shows Likely.

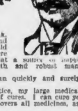
An imaginative writer on a New York daily, which caters chiefly to the foreign trade, announces that there will probably be five shows in New York next year, as follows:

The Licensed, the Automobile Club of America, the American Automobile Manufacturers' Association, the Foreign Salon and an accessory show.

There is not one chance in a million of such development next year, and I doubt very much if there are over two shows, one held by the Automobile Club of America and the other by the Licensed Association.

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Even During the Christmas Rush Women Are Not Too Busy to Watch for Camera Man.

BUSY women shoppers, even during Christmas week, are not too busy to keep an eye on the BOSTON AMERICAN Camera Man. They know it's just as good as a gift of $2 from Santa Claus himself when the Camera Man presses the button.

The photograph in last Thursday's paper was identified by Mrs. C. W. Wolfsinger, of No. 2 Albion street, Medford. The snapshot was taken in front of Houston & Henderson's. The lucky woman received the daily prize of $2 for identifying the picture.

Moral—keep your eye on the Camera Man when you go shopping. He's likely to snap you any day in the neighborhood of some store patronized by BOSTON AMERICAN readers.

DEATH NOTICES.

BUCKLEY—Suddenly, in Braintree, Dec. 22, George J., beloved husband of Hattie Buckley (nee Taylor), 43 yrs. 8 mos. 26 ds.
Funeral from his late residence, Oak st., East Braintree, Monday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Burial at Forest Hills about 4 o'clock. Attendance of relatives and friends requested.

CAREY—In Roxbury, Dec. 22, Patrick F., husband of the late Catherine Carey (nee Glynn), 75 yrs.
Funeral from his late residence, 34 Linden Park st., Wednesday morning at 8:30 a. m. Solemn high mass at St. Francis de Sales' Church, Vernon st., at 9 a. m. Relatives and friends kindly invited to attend.

DELEA—In Somerville, Dec. 22, William Francis, beloved child of William J. and Delia Delea (nee Connor), 5 yrs. 4 mos. 6 ds.
Funeral Monday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock, from 7 Joseph st. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

GOULD—In East Dedham, Dec. 21, Cornelia Williams, wife of William B. Gould, 69 yrs. 6 mos. 21 ds.
Funeral notice later. Nantucket papers please copy.

HAYES—In this city, Dec. 21, Francis J., beloved and only son of Mary F. and the late Francis J. Hayes, 2 yrs. 11 mos.
Funeral from his mother's residence, 153 Leverett st., Monday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends kindly invited to attend.

MALONEY—In Roxbury, Dec. 22, Francis M., beloved son of Abbie and the late John J. Maloney.
Funeral from the residence of his parents, 33 Dewey st., Monday morning, Dec. 24, at 8 o'clock. High mass at St. Peter's Church at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited.

McCARTHY—In this city, Dec. 22, Mary McCarthy, 46 yrs.
Funeral from 52 St. Germain st., Monday, Dec. 24, at 8:15 a. m. Requiem high mass at St. Cecilia's Church at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

McAFEE—In Brookline, Dec. 22, James, husband of Bertha McAfee.
Services at his late residence, 39 Perry st., Monday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.

PATTEE—In Hyde Park, Pinehurst, Readville, Dec. 22, Alonzo H. Pattee, in his 74th year.
Funeral service at residence, 80 Stoughton av., Readville, Monday, Dec. 24, at 1 p. m. Friends invited.

POWDER—In Melrose, Dec. 22, Ella, daughter of the late Lawrence and Bridget Powder.
Funeral from her late residence, 320 Washington st., Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 8:30. Requiem high mass at St. Mary's Church at 9:30 o'clock. Relatives and friends kindly invited to attend.

TRACEY—In Somerville, Dec. 21, Louisa Tracey.
Funeral from her late residence, 9 Josephine av., Monday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m.

WEBSTER—In South Boston, Dec. 21, Caroline Webster, eldest daughter of the late Robert Morrison.
Funeral from 47 G st., South Boston, on Monday, Dec. 24, at 1:30 p. m. Relatives and friends invited.

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80 AND 82 SUMMER ST., BOSTON, DECEMBER 24, 1906

The Birthday of Jesus Christ

What Marvellous Works He Has Wrought Through the Centuries. What Work Is Still to Be Done in His Name?

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew, 1-21.

Nineteen centuries ago, this prophecy was fulfilled. For nineteen hundred years the work which Jesus began as a child, and finished upon the cross, has gone on steadily.

In the eyes of Time and of Divine Power, a century is but a minute—in the life even of mankind, it is as less than a day in the individual's life.

As the happy children think with gratitude of the parental kindness that protects them, provides for them in the present and plans for them in the future; so grown men and women, the children of Divine Kindness, should think earnestly and humbly of that marvellous, forever-enduring work of Christ, whose birthday we remember and celebrate.

What marvellous things have been done in the name of Jesus as a result of the feeble, well-meant efforts to be like Him, or at least to obey His law. To the world, Christ gave one great command, "Love one another."

"This is My Commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." John, 15-12.

Jesus distinctly says to his disciples working around Him, and to the millions of disciples destined to carry on His work, "This is MY COMMANDMENT."

It is not said, "This is ONE of my commandments." Nor is it said that there is any OTHER commandment upon a par with the supreme idea and law that Jesus brought into the world, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."

A simple commandment, yet it meant revolution in the life of human beings. Upon that one commandment and its gradual, slow fulfillment is based all the progress that men have made.

Before the days of Jesus Christ, philosophers had studied, selfishly or unselfishly, but narrowly and coldly, the art of protecting one's self against one's fellows, or of making the best of a PERMANENTLY imperfect world. Through the clear intellect of Confucius, the Chinese race had formulated JUST laws, NEGATIVE virtues before Jesus appeared on the earth.

The Greek laws, while approving brutality at the bottom, praised certain austere virtues at the top of the human ladder.

But Jesus came to WIPE OUT distinctions, to give a positive order of kindness to all human beings:

"There is neither bond nor free: but Christ is all in all."

And we review to-day with deep gratitude the result of His words, His example, His life and His death.

Slavery has been abolished among men, THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST. There had been no effective protest against slavery before He spoke for the slaves.

Fair treatment of women has resulted from the teachings and the example of Jesus Christ. When He came women were chattels, denied their rights here on earth, and denied even their hope in the future.

When Christ dying looked down from the cross, of all the believers and disciples that had followed Him, he saw only four, and THREE OF THEM WERE WOMEN—His mother, and His mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene. Of all the men that struggled for His approval, envied each other, protested and believed in their eternal devotion, but one was left when the hour of the crucifixion came. Three women knelt with arms outstretched to receive His crucified body.

From that hour the lot of woman upon this earth has improved. And the work which Jesus himself began and which he commanded others to do for women is still slowly but certainly progressing among us.

For children, defenceless, without rights in law, Christ came as a protector and a Saviour. We hope that no Christmas day will pass without publication, in this newspaper at least, of the most beautiful words ever spoken in this world:

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these LITTLE ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in Heaven."

"And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me."

"But whoso shall OFFEND one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

Those words were spoken by a MAN doomed, from His infancy, to a dreadful death, a lonely life, to misunderstanding, homelessness. Throughout the few years in which He worked for us here, His mind was ALWAYS upon the poor, always upon the weak, upon the women and the children that needed His help so sorely.

Steadily the world has grown better. It has SEEMED to go backward at times with war and brutality. But the influence of the Divine Man who gave to the world its greatest law has never ceased to be felt. AND IT NEVER WILL CEASE TO AFFECT HUMANITY. PROGRESS IS CERTAIN, STEADY; ALTHOUGH SLOW IN OUR EYES.

While we look with gratitude, to-day, upon the work accomplished in His name during nineteen centuries past, we must look ahead determined TO DO OUR SHARE toward obeying His great commandment, and enforcing His law.

Women must be protected from the sweatshop and the brutal slave driver of the factory, as Jesus would protect them, if He were here.

The laws must do for those little children in the mills, the mines, the work that Jesus would do, if He were here to see the young lives ground slowly out for profit.

The poor man willing to work must have bread for his work and clothing AND SECURITY; NOT WORK REFUSED AND THEN THE PRISON.

With deep gratitude for Christ's services to humanity, with deep appreciation of the work done in His name in the past, the men of to-day should fix their eyes on the future; and bearing in mind the law and the will of Jesus Christ, determine to do their work as He did—REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, regardless of vile money, regardless of everything save the right of the child, of the woman, the poor and the defenceless.

Dinkelspielers

By George V. Hobart

DER man dot vas his own vorst enemy has a fight to der finish.

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Der most popular motive power of der day is der man dot chollies udder peoples along.

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Der choke ve write ourselfs is vot ve call vit. Der choke der udder fellow writes is vot ve call piffle.

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Der pull of der dentist is a busy idea, but it doan'd cut as much ice as der pull of der politicians.

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A man mitoult enemies is der same relation to dis earth as a chelly-fish is to der ocean.

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Schulzhauser nefer takes any eggsercise because he is always standing on his dignity.

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A cook in der kitchen vos vorth two in der intelligence office.

D. DINKELSPIEL,
Per George V. Hobart.

SHE GOES SHOPPING

BY T. E. POWERS



It's the Day Before Christmas, and Business Is Rushing

EASY MARK IS EASY EVEN AT HOME



1. MR. E. Z.—Mary, do you think I am crazy? Give you an eight hundred-dollar set of furs for a Christmas present? Not on your life! You MUST think I am a soft thing.

MRS. MARK (aside)—All right; he is easy for every one else; I'll see if I can work him or not.

2. MR. E. Z. (on his arrival home that evening)—And what is my little pet doing? MRS. MARK—Oh, E. Z., I'm making arrangements to have a regular old-fashioned Christmas. I am writing invitations to Cousin Clara and her family, Uncle Hiram and his family, Aunt Annie, Aunt Maggie and her family and all the rest, to spend their Christmas day with us.



3. MR. E. Z. (aside)—Yo gods! And she'll do it, too. Heavens! how am I going to get out of this? Ha! those furs. (Aloud.) Yes, dear; that will be GRAND. But, I—er—had changed my mind about those furs—I intended you should have them—but, of course, with all the expense attached to such a great number of guests—

5. MR. E. Z.—Well, it's a question. Guests or furs?

MRS. MARK—Oh, E. Z., I'll take the furs. Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you! (Aside.) I knew I could do it.

MR. E. Z. (aside)—Gee whiz! Now maybe I don't know how to manage a woman. Oh, I'm a sharper, I am.

A Merry Christmas

By Charles Fleischer

(RABBI OF TEMPLE ADATH ISRAEL)

PERHAPS it is in itself a proof of the growth of the Christmas spirit of good will that a Rabbi has the privilege of writing a Christmas article for a popular newspaper.

And yet, after all, why should he not? For Jesus was a Rabbi, too. Gentle Rabbi of Nazareth! This is, perhaps, one of the sweetest titles of that love-filled Man.

But, if the Christmas festival were really what its name implies, the birthday of Christ, it would not be fitting for me to be asked, or to agree, to speak for the AMERICAN and to my fellow-Americans on this theme.

As it happens, the birthday of Jesus is unknown, and even orthodox Christianity acknowledges that the 25th of December has been arbitrarily selected for this celebration. Why? Because it is the Winter solstice, when the days begin to lengthen and all the primitive nature worshippers of the western world, when the earth was younger, used to observe a festival of rejoicing.

The adaptation of that primitive festival by the new religion did not destroy its original character. The Christmas (evergreen) tree, and the holly, the genial Santa Claus, the general good cheer—these and other customs and characteristics of the season hint of the holiday's origin.

Two features of Christmas especially interest me—the jolly, red-cheeked fairy man, Santa Claus, and the prevalent spirit of goodwill.

Except for the littlest of little children, the dear old man is no longer a concrete reality. He died long ago. He remains only in pictures and as a pleasant fiction.

"But his soul goes marching on!" That is what the song says of John Brown. And it is more abundantly true of Santa Claus. The western world is full of him to-day. There are millions of him.

Why, we all try to play the Santa Claus more or less! Men, women and children, we have all been for a week or so veritable express wagons, laden down with mysterious bundles.

Gifts, gifts, gifts! There's a riotous rivalry of giving. While we all, really or figuratively, hung up our big and open-mouthed stockings, we are much more bent upon proving that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Long life, then, to the multimillioned Santa Claus! May his "agents" become as the sands of the seashore for number!

And the prevalent spirit of goodwill! Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that Boston is not a place, but a state of mind. True; true. But it is equally true of the whole of life and of the universe.

Goodwill is a state of mind. "Peace on earth" would be accomplished by a state of mind. Christmas helps to bring it annually nearer because this season bathes us, as it were, in an ether of Love.

Let us yield ourselves to it gladly, until we become so love-intoxicated that we can see the good even in our "enemies" and all love one another.

The recurrent Christmastide must in time work wonders in filling the hearts of men with goodwill and in beautifying human relationships. Let us believe that love is contagious, that we can catch and spread its happy fever.

The gospel story of the birth of Jesus says: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.'"

With each year, I believe, we human beings, "but little lower than the angels," are more beautifully singing that divine chorus, and, through increase of individual goodwill, are helping to make a heaven of earth.

"Christmas comes but once a year." That will still be true when it is with us the whole of each year.

A man may well bring a horse to the water,
But he cannot make him drink without he will.
HEYWOOD.

No Santa Claus

By James J. Montague

I.

I GUESS he ain't a-comin', Kid;
I guess I've told you wrong;
But I believed—I honest did—
That he 'ud be along.
He's throwed ME lots o' time, but, then,
I thought he'd come this year
An' leave us loads o' presents when
I wrote him YOU was here.

II.

I'VE got in bad with him, fer true,
Or else he never would
Turn down a decent kid like you—
So little, an' so good.
But never mind, you ain't to blame,
It ain't your doin', See?
I know just why he hasn't came—
He's gittin' back at ME!

III.

I'D never told you 'bout that drum,
An' train o' cars, an' ball
If I'd of dreamed he wouldn't come
To-day, an' bring 'em all.
I never thought o' stringin' you
Along him, like I did,
Or tellin' you what wasn't true.
You know that, don't you, Kid?

IV.

TAY, anyway, the little while
You thought he'd be along
It done me good to see you smile—
Of course, it all was wrong.
But, then, *especial* him was fun,
An' you was not to blame;
I s'pose it all won't hurt you none—
But still—I wisht he'd came.